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## Firm has 50 new care jobs on offer

A CARE agency is taking on 50 more staff after winning a contract to provide support for elderly and vulnerable people.

Powys County Council went out to tender earlier this year for new contracts for adult care.

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## Furniture maker loses health battle

ONE of Britain's best known furniture makers, who created pieces for the rich and famous from his Oswestry workshop, has died.

Pete Vidal turned out work for celebrities, rock stars, and royalty as well as local people.

Clients included the King of Jordan, Kate Blanchett, Mick Jagger, Madonna, U2, Claridge's Hotel, Candy & Candy and Diane von Furstenberg.

He died peacefully in his sleep at his home in Oswestry.

His brother, John, said Mr Vidal, who would have been 60 yesterday (Wednesday), had battled a Parkinson's-type disease.

## Retired police sergeant guilty of child sex abuse



Griffith Barker, facing jail

A RETIRED police sergeant faces a "substantial" prison sentence after being convicted of sexually abusing two children more than 40 years ago.

White haired Griffith Barker, 79, formerly with Merseyside police, and now living in Pant near Oswestry shook his head when the unanimous verdicts were returned by a Liverpool Crown Court jury on Monday.

He was found guilty of 23 offences involving attempted rape,

indecent assault and indecency with a child in the 1960s and 1970s.

Barker, who denied all the allegations, had his bail renewed by Judge Alan Conrad, QC, but he went on to warn him, "You face a substantial custodial sentence."

He ordered him to sign the Sex Offenders Register and pointed out that if he fails to attend he will be sentenced in his absence.

During his trial Liverpool Crown Court heard from prosecu-

tor Neville Biddle that he abused his victims, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, in a "sustained and systematic" manner while living in the Knotty Ash area of the city.

One of Barker's victims, who is now a middle-aged man, approached police last year to make a complaint.

He described various forms of sexual abuse taking place between Barker and himself, when he was between the ages of six and 12.

This included being made to lie naked on top of a girl Barker also abused.

The other victim, now a middle-aged woman, said, "I think there was lots of kissing, not the right sort of kissing if you know what I mean. We had to look at magazines, porn magazines."

Barker of Primrose Lane, Pant, Oswestry, who told the jury that the incidents never took place, will be sentenced on Friday.

## Charity shop hit in arson attempt

THREE women were treated for smoke inhalation after a suspected arson attack on a charity shop in Oswestry.

Staff at the British Heart Foundation shop on Cross Street, Oswestry, had to evacuate after an industrial wheelie bin was set alight against the fire exit door in an alleyway behind the shop yesterday (Wednesday) morning.

At its height flames reached the top of the walls of the two-storey building, melting drainpipes and charring the wooden panels on the wall. Staff said they heard explosions as well.

Assistant manager Therese Stewart said: "One of the volunteers was at the till and a gentleman came in to say the bin was on fire. I went outside to see and it was pushed against the fire door and flames were up the wall."

"There were two explosions. Everywhere was full of smoke. Flames were right up to the top windows. It was horrendous and the smell was terrible."

Three women who were in the shop at the time, including Mrs Stewart, were given oxygen by firefighters after inhaling smoke. Ambulances were called and they were given further treatment by paramedics.

Watch manager Robyn Evans said arson was suspected.

## Health tips for visitors at big show

### Award for Ironwork Centre



The centre's Tracy Knowles, sculptor Alfie Bradley, Eisteddfod president Terry Waite and Clive Knowles AN OSWESTRY company was one of just two organisations awarded a certificate of appreciation by this year's Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

The British Ironwork Centre at Aston provided sponsorship of the World Music stage together with themed tables and chairs for eisteddfod visitors. A selection of their life-sized animal sculptures, for which the centre is famous, were on show at different areas of the eisteddfod field.

Star of the showground was the world-record breaking spoon gorilla, in its huge cage, which proved extremely popular for photo opportunities with visitors.

Clive Knowles, chairman of the British Ironwork Centre, said: "We are extremely proud to be associated with and to be able to support such a fabulous local event as the Llangollen International Eisteddfod."

"I was quite taken aback with the certificate, and to be presented with it by Terry Waite was a huge honour."

THREE patient groups are getting together to promote the importance of vaccinations at Oswestry Show on August 2.

Oswestry patient groups Plas Fynnon, Cambrian and Caxton have combined to form Oswestry Patients Voice and will be giving out family packs and information.

The group will also be promoting the use of heart defibrillators and will have a First Responder on hand to carry out demonstrations throughout the day.

Paul Milner, an organiser said: "It's vital that as many people as possible know how to use a defibrillator."

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Bernard Groves, Gerry Nicholl and Mark Groves at the country and western festival. Turn to page 29

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# Rail bosses set to reveal plans for town station

by Iain St John

RAIL bosses will be giving an update on a £2 million project to improve a railway station at Chirk.

Network Rail bosses will be in Chirk to spell out the latest developments in the scheme to make the town's station more accessible for the disabled along with the installation a ramped footbridge.

## Act forced to pull out of town's big festival

ONE of the stars of the Oswestry music festival, Osfest, has pulled out less than a month before the event.

Paloma Faith was to have performed a DJ set at the two day event on August 16.

But a commitment made by her record label to shoot a video has meant that the singer has cancelled her appearance.

A host of other well known names will be at the festival at the Oswestry Showground, including Union J and Luke Friend, Foxes and the Hoisiers, and stars of the past Toyah and the Bay City Rollers.

In a statement, on the music festival website, Osfest said "We are very sorry to announce that Paloma Faith has had to cancel her DJ Set at OsFest on Saturday 9th August. We have done everything possible to try and reverse this decision but this has been out of OsFest's control. We are naturally disappointed and apologise for any inconvenience that this causes."

A drop-in session will be held at Chirk Parish Hall on August 4 from 3pm to 7pm where Network Rail bosses will answer questions about the project and explain more about what will be installed at the station.

Christine Ashford from the Friends of Chirk Station said Chirk was one of the smallest unstaffed stations in Wales granted the funding for disabled friendly improvements.

She said: "We are sure there are more people who would be interested in seeing a project that has been well supported by volunteers, thanks to help from Arriva Trains Wales personnel and the volunteers who make up Friends of Chirk Station.

"We are delighted that finally we will have the station open to all.

"Our thanks go to the Welsh Assembly Government for financially supporting this project."

The work at Chirk station is part of the Department for Transport and Welsh Government funded scheme, which will see access improvements to a number of stations across Wales.

The £12m programme will deliver enhancements to Chirk, Llandaf, Machynlleth, Radyr and Ystrad Mynach stations.

The improvements will fully open the station to all users.

## Fingers crossed for In Bloom awards



Betty Gull and the mayor Gareth Jones prepare to show the judge Roger Bache around town in style

GARDENING enthusiasts in Oswestry are keeping their fingers crossed that success would be repeated this year. "We are hoping for a 10th gold in the regional Heart of England In Bloom competition this year."

The Heart of England In Bloom judge visited Oswestry last Thursday to carry out a tour as part of the annual competition.

Representatives from Oswestry met the judge, Roger Bache, at the new Fairholme Care Home to begin their tour.

The town has enjoyed success in the regional competition over many years.

Oswestry In Bloom committee chairman Betty Gull said she hoped that success would be repeated this year. "We are hoping for a 10th gold in the competition but of course it is up to the judges now. All we can say is that many, many people have worked very hard to ensure Oswestry looks at its best."

"Many people have put a huge amount of effort ahead of the judging and it shows there is a huge amount of pride in the town."

"Of course you would always like to win gold every year but it is getting

tougher and tougher because of the competition from around the region."

"It is a lot of work but it is always worthwhile because it brings the community together and it brings the town together. We are well supported by our volunteers."

"We have had to ask them to do more this year because of the tremendous budget pressure on Shropshire Council."

"I think everyone has done what they can to prepare the town for the judge's visit."

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NEWS  
in brief

Knife message aims at Osfest

MUSIC festival goers in Oswestry will be given a serious message next month when a surrender your knife campaign moves onto the showground.

The British Ironwork Centre from Oswestry is collaborating with Osfest to promote its "Save a Life, Surrender Your Knife" project which aims to reduce the number of knives on the UK's streets.

The centre's campaign team will be attending the festival, which takes place at the Oswestry Showground from August 9-11 to raise awareness of the wide and tragic impact of knife crime.

Festival goers who visit the "Save a Life, Surrender Your Knife" gazebo will receive a free wristband bearing the logo.

## Craft festival to hold workshop

The organisers of a craft festival are inviting people to create something inspired by the magical world of theatre and puppetry, masks and costume.

Oswestry Makes Festival will run from September 27 to October 4, with a week of workshops for all ages, at various venues across the town.

Anyone interested in running a workshop as part of Oswestry Makes 2014 should contact Isabelle Waine at [Oswestrymakes@gmail.com](mailto:Oswestrymakes@gmail.com) or contact the library on (01691) 677388.

## Chance offered to race the train

The fourth Welshpool Rotary Club RaceThe Train fund-raising event takes place on September 14 with cyclists being challenged to take on the steam train from Welshpool to Llanfair Caereinion.

Entrants should book in at Raven Square station between 10am and 10.45am on the day.

## Students complete mountain challenge

A TRIO of adventurous students have completed the National Three Peaks Challenge and raised £2,000 for charity as part of their studies.

Second-year outdoor adventure students Sam Farmer, Josie Sumner and Lorenza Lee Lockyer from Walford and North Shropshire College c walked to the summits of Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in under 24 hours.

Sam, Josie and Lorenza walked a total of 24 miles and climbed 3,060 metres which took them 15 hours - the rest of the time was spent travelling the 460 miles from Ben Nevis to Snowdon via Scafell Pike while getting as much rest as possible.

Josie said: "We wanted to complete the challenge to raise money for charities we hold close to our hearts. Sam raised money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association, I raised money for Cancer Research UK and Lorenza raised money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised £2,000 between us for our individual charities."

Course tutor Catherine Jones said she was delighted the trio had been able to put their studies to use in such a good way. "This was a tremendous effort for three very worthwhile causes."

## Hope House correction

A report in last week's Chronicle "Fireworks and fun" described Nightingale House as a sister charity of Hope House.

We have been asked to point out that this was an error. The Hope House hospice is only associated with Ty Gobaith.

## Support mounting for street lighting petition



Rebecca Evans

by Pam Kingsley

A petition calling for street lights to be turned back on between midnight and 5am in Oswestry has attracted more than 260 signatures.

The online petition was set up by residents after the town council, in conjunction with Shropshire Council, made the decision to turn off the lights to save costs.

People who have signed the "Re-light Oswestry Post Midnight" petition have cited concerns over crime as the main reason the lights should be put back on.

Tracy Richards said: "I feel that the council are giving the opportunist thief a very good advantage."

And Robert Duncan said: "How could the council put people in danger to save money, only an insane person would think up something as daft as that."

Changes were made to Oswestry's lighting in April as part of a county-wide programme by Shropshire Council of what is known as "part night lighting" which sees lights turned off between midnight and 5.30am to cut carbon and reduce energy bills.

About 12,500 street lights of the 18,900 maintained by Shropshire Council across the county are being converted to part-night lighting.

At the time, the town council said the aim of the move was to cut carbon and reduce energy bills by about 20 per cent.

Graphic design student Jordan Bradbury, 18, who started the petition said she hoped it would prompt the town council to discuss street lighting again.

"Only five people have formally complained so far and apparently because of that the council aren't willing to listen to the worries of the people," she said.

"If we can get people to sign this petition then they may not be able to ignore public concern any further."

Oswestry town councillor Rebecca Evans also joined the calls, claiming a number of her elderly neighbours now feel like they were living under a curfew because they were too nervous to go out when the lights were off.

She said: "It's had an impact on people's freedom. I even had a 21-year-old lad tell me he stayed on the phone to a friend while walking home one night because he felt jittery."

The petition can be found at [www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/relightoswestry](http://www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/relightoswestry)

## Troops timeline on parade at historic castle's special weekend

VISITORS to Whittington Castle will be travelling through time as they mingle with medieval knights, take to the moat with Civil War soldiers and join up with the Home Guard.

Whittington Castle will be hosting 10 historic re-enactment groups during its huge multi-period event this weekend, including the 5/60th Royal American (Rifles). The House of the Blackstar and the Samhain Welsh Medieval Society.

Last year's event saw hundreds of people turn out to experience life through the ages, including television presenter Christine Bleakley, who took a trip on the moat in an historic boat for her Country Roads programme.

Castle manager Sue Ellis said this year's event will see several new groups joining the spectacle.

She said: "The castle has witnessed over 2,000 years of history and for our multi-period event visitors will be able to time travel through history, from a medieval encampment to Napoleonic riflemen and on to the Second World War. There will be stalls selling modern day crafts as well as period items, and refreshments are available on site."

The visiting groups will represent many of the periods of history which the castle has stood through.

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## Horse in dramatic rescue



Animal rescue specialists assist fire crews to release the horse stuck in a ditch at Pool Quay

A HORSE weighing more than a ton was at the centre of a dramatic rescue after it became stuck in a muddy ditch near Welshpool in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

An animal specialist unit from Wellington fire station assisted Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service in rescuing the shire horse from the ditch in Pool Quay.

Firefighters described the animal as "close to the tallest a horse can be" at 22 hands, weighing more than a ton. It was stuck in the ditch, which was at least one metre deep, for several hours before being

rescued and is not believed to have suffered any injuries.

Craig Jackson, watch manager at Wellington fire station, said: "Our specialist large animal rescue team went to assist Mid and West Wales who made the scene safe."

They had supported the head of the horse to keep it above water and then our teams, including two animal rescue specialists in dry suits, went in and used a large inflatable rescue path at the rear of the horse. They used special straps to put around the animal and we had to use the rescue crane."

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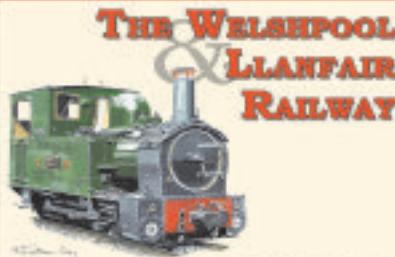
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#### NEWS

# Nurse who sent sex texts to patient is struck off

by Graham Breeze

A MALE nurse who posed as a woman called 'Jodie' to send sex texts to a patient asking for intimate pictures has been struck off.

Philip Charles Pugh accessed the patient's telephone number from records and sent him texts at Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital.

The bemused patient, known only as Patient A, was told he was "well fit" and "a stud" by the admirer named Jodie on April 9, 2013, the council heard. Pugh then begged the man not to tell after the patient recognised him as the sender's WhatsApp profile image.

Pugh was dismissed on the grounds of gross misconduct following a disciplinary hearing on June 12 last year and has now been banned from working as a nurse by the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Panel chairwoman Sara Nathan said: "Patient A was distressed and upset by the messages sent by Mr Pugh. He allegedly pretended to be female, invited Patient A to send him a photograph and made inappropriate comments."

"Mr Pugh accepted that he had compromised Patient A's dignity and acknowledged that these actions upset him. Patient A stated that he 'felt degraded, sick and that his privacy had been exposed'."

"Patient A was a vulnerable young man and was shocked and distressed when he found out that a nurse involved in his personal care, Mr Pugh, was the one sending him the sexually explicit text messages.

Following Mr Pugh's conduct, Patient A's trust in the profession was manifestly compromised.

"In the panel's judgement, Mr Pugh's conduct and behaviour has undoubtedly brought the profession into disrepute. The panel found that by his actions, Mr Pugh abused his position of trust and exploited a vulnerable patient, thereby breaching professional boundaries. Mr Pugh also breached a fundamental tenet of his profession by failing to make the protection, care and welfare of his patient his first concern."

Jayne Downey, director of nursing at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We referred this case to the Nursing and Midwifery Council for investigation as it raised important issues about the responsibility of nurses and their duty to ensure the protection of the public.

"Staff at the hospital acted immediately to ensure the safety of the patient was maintained at all times."

Pugh had stated during an investigatory meeting in April last year that he would not repeat the incident, but Ms Nathan said it was important for all nurses to maintain and promote clear boundaries in their relationship with patients.

## MP opens a restored canal



MP Owen Paterson opens the new section of the canal near Oswestry

A RESTORED section of the Montgomery Canal has been officially reopened after a gap of 80 years.

The ribbon was cut on the 450-metre section at Redwith, Shropshire, on Saturday by North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson.

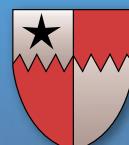
The restoration work was carried out over six years by volunteers and reconnects the 200-year-old canal to the rest of the 2,000-mile canal network, opening it up to boats for the first time since 1935.

Tony Hales, chairman of the Canal & River Trust, said: "This is remarkable work by volunteers to open up another 450 metres of the Montgomery Canal."

"We can't thank them enough for their hard work and dedication which is another big step towards the canal's full restoration."

Volunteers from the Shropshire Union Canal Society will now work on the next section over the next two years to restore a 200 metre length which will include rebuilding a culvert.

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# Burglar avoids prison for role in village break-in

by David Banner

A MAN has received a suspended prison sentence for his part in a burglary which saw £500 and a haul of electricals stolen.

Eric Rowlands, 42, was sentenced at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Monday for burglary and criminal damage offences in Oswestry.

He played a part in a burglary, believed to have been pre-planned, in St Martin's, overnight on October 2 last year, in which residents returned home to find a window had been smashed and the front door damaged.

Items taken included a 43ins LCD television, worth £350, £500 cash, a smaller plasma television, a games console and 40 games, a guitar, jewellery and passports.

Police identified Rowlands after his DNA was found on a cigarette butt found on the floor in the lounge.

Mr Phillip Beardwell, prosecuting, said: "The money being held at the house had been received as birthday and Christmas presents and was being saved for driving lessons."

He added: "The defendant was not present when the house was first entered, though he knew what was going on and did not do anything to prevent it. He knew property was being taken but did not take anything himself. Although he did not actually remove property from the house, he was involved."

Rowlands was also being sentenced for criminal damage to a shop, the Dog N Bone, on Cross Street, Oswestry, where a window was smashed by a brick overnight on October 1.

Judge Peter Barrie said although the charge only related to criminal damage there "may have been an attempt to steal".

Mr Beardwell added: "When staff came to the shop the next day, they found a brick had been used to break the window. Electrical equipment was not stolen, however, two blood points were found."

Mr Michael Sherwood-Smith, defending, said: "The defendant is not working, he is looking for employment. He thought he had left his criminal life behind him and somehow there was an almighty blip during these two days."

Judge Barrie said Rowlands had previous convictions for burglary but gave him credit "for the fact that since 1997 your convictions have been less serious and less frequent".

Rowlands, of Orchard Street, Oswestry, was handed a 16 month prison sentence suspended for two years and 250 hours unpaid work for his part in the burglary and a two month suspended prison sentence, to run concurrently with the 16-months, for the criminal damage.

## School named as a hub for top university

STUDENTS will be in prime position to learn about university life after their school was chosen to be a 'hub' by Cambridge University.

As a hub school, The Marches in Oswestry will pass on information, advice and guidance from St John's College, University of Cambridge, within Shropshire.

Students will also be given the opportunity to visit the university and take part in a taster event, designed specifically for their needs and requirements. The most recent residential visit took place last week with 14 Year 10 and 12 students taking up places on the trip.

Year 12 student Eleanor Budgen-Strawbridge said: "I found the college very picturesque and welcoming. Talks and tours helped me to understand the college system that exists at Cambridge and Oxford and what life is like for an undergraduate here. I am definitely going to be applying to Cambridge."

Claire Buckle, head of sixth form at The Marches, said she hopes the link will inspire and encourage more pupils to aim for top universities.

She said: "We are very grateful to Cambridge University for providing us with the opportunity to visit and we anticipate this being a very helpful and informative trip for our Year 10 and 12 students. We are very excited about this partnership."

## Children get swim message



Some of the children who received their certificates

HUNDREDS of children in Oswestry have been given serious lifesaving messages – but in a fun way.

As the summer holidays approach the Royal Life Saving Society has just held its annual drowning prevention week.

Swim teachers at Oswestry Leisure Centre used the week to make sure children that use the pool learnt important safety messages before they headed for holidays at the beach or a day by the river.

Karen Rogers, who heads the swim teaching at the centre, said all the children loved the activities that were put on during their swimming lessons.

She said that there were worrying statistics about drowning.

"Accidental drowning causes more than 400 UK deaths every year, is the third highest cause of death in children and claims the lives of at least 360,000 people worldwide each year. Almost half of child drownings in Britain take place during school holidays."

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## BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

How many of us were shocked by today's revelations by the boss of the National Grid project in Mid Wales that massive disruption was on the way.

Not many I suspect. We all know the effect this scheme will bring on our already stretched road system if the plans are approved.

Jeremy Lee, National Grid project manager of the Mid Wales Connection Project, brought the issue back to the front pages when he said overhead and underground lines were vital for ensuring power can be used effectively and warned the area will face major disruption if plans are approved.

There are those, including MP Glyn Davies, who say the scheme will never be allowed to go ahead but we must never allow complacency to creep in during the battle to keep these people at bay.

National Grid and protesters alike currently await the result of a public inquiry into plans for five wind farms across Mid Wales. The inquiry has finished, but planning inspector Andrew Poulter isn't expected to give his decision until the end of the year.

Assuming the wind farms are given permission Mr Lee was warned that the installation process of the transmission lines would be disruptive.

It's hard to imagine just how disruptive he means. Our roads infrastructure is already creaking now, so to envisage the sort of traffic volume increases such a project will bring really is mind blowing.

There is no doubt a political reason why Mr Poulter's decision is taking so long. Try not to keep us waiting too long sir!

There was a bizarre sight in the centre of Oswestry yesterday as someone set fire to an industrial waste bin causing the evacuation of the British Heart Foundation shop.

A jazz band was keeping market day shoppers entertained with an impromptu performance at the time. And true to the old traditions the guys kept the show going despite at least three fire engines and an ambulance trying to drown out their performance.

Well a head-on smash in Welshpool's one-way road network on Saturday night really stirred up those campaigning for changes to the controversial system.

But it seems a little harsh to blame the one-way disaster on this occasion with one of the two drivers arrested on suspicion of being unfit to drive.

You still won't convince me the one-way design is working though despite much of the trouble being down to bad driving.



Rival supporters go bare chested in the glorious sunshine of Bratislava



The players are put through a final warm-up on the eve of the big game



The New Saints loyal supporters get ready for the action with club owner Mike Harris (left)

## WORKING FOR YOU



Owen Paterson

As many of you will be aware last Tuesday marked the end of my tenure at DEFRA.

I am proud of many of my achievements at DEFRA and I believe that many of the decisions that were made for the good of the countryside will have a lasting legacy.

Whilst in office I oversaw the ban on discards, ending the scandalous practice of throwing away perfectly edible fish. I first proposed this in my 2005 Green Paper.

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The rest of the fans that have come make it and it's been brilliant, I am glad I was able to do it."

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The 24-year-old from Oswestry said: "I love travelling away with TNS. This is my fourth trip away and I have been to some great places following the team.

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# Fans enjoy a European adventure in Slovakia

**THE draw of the Champions League means a midweek trip to Slovakia was worth every penny for loyal supporters. NATHEN ROWDEN reports.**

**IT'S a long way from Oswestry - but for a few hardy fans the draw of the Champions League means a midweek trip to Slovakia was worth every penny.**

The New Saints continued their European adventure with a trip to the River Danube and the 'kings of Slovakia'.

That meant a jaunt of some 1,200 miles door to door from Oswestry to Bratislava for a travelling contingent of fans that could fit in its entirety in a moderately-sized bus.

The journey for The New Saints started on the Sunday and ended in the Tuesday night in a creditable 1-0 defeat that left them with a fighting chance in the second leg.

It was the start of a Champions League dream, but this first qualifying round was a million miles away from the glamour of the televised rounds that we all see on TV.

TNS' opponents were Slovan Bratislava - the most successful team in the country's history with the national side's highest goalscorer.

The Eastern European powerhouse remain a dominant force in Slovakia but, further afield, they have struggled to replicate that success in recent European campaigns.

Bratislava's finest hour came in 1969 when they defeated FC Barcelona in the Cup Winners' Cup final in Basel.

Travelling to Bratislava was in stark contrast to match preparations for a Welsh League game in Newtown or Abertillery.

The squad left Shrewsbury late on the



Supporters enjoy a beer before the match in Bratislava

Sunday night after watching the World Cup final to travel for a 6.30am flight from Stansted Airport, arriving in Bratislava on Monday morning.

The atmosphere in the team hotel and on the coach was one of excitement and belief as the lads from Oswestry prepared themselves for the match at the Pasiensky Stadium.

Bratislava is steeped with Slovakian history and the players and travelling fans had a real flavour of it when they stepped out onto the pitch at the stadium in the blistering sunshine to the roars of the home side support.

Craig Harrison's men were making their 15th consecutive appearance representing Wales in Europe, but these occasions never lose their special feel.

And it is not only the players who enjoy the experience, TNS took a loyal following of about 20 who all made the

long trip from Shropshire to see The Saints on the biggest football stage.

Steven Norcross, from Weston Rhyn, said: "This is the sixth trip I have been on and they are always brilliant."

"But like this trip it is made by the people you are with."

"I have been a fan since the club moved to the Venue six years ago against Newtown and I have been hooked since. When we go away to places like Bratislava it is always a laugh and a fantastic experience."

"It's good to have some beers and enjoy some good company."

But he is also with some new recruits to the European trips.

Kieran Lee-Birch, 18, from Oswestry is on his first trip away on the continent with the team he has supported for five years.

"I have come for the three days and

it has been great," he said. "Bratislava is great, and it's amazing to be able to see the lads play here."

The Champions League is an important part of the success of TNS and is the result of a long season in the Welsh League where the team were once again crowned champions in May.

Dave Cleaton, 21, who works at the Venue and travelled with the team on Monday, said: "This is my first rip but it has been an amazing experience and I have absolutely loved it."

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# Carer in plea for wife to go home

APFTER apologising for the gigantic cock-up of the care system, Councillor Darren Mayor then adds insult to injury by praising "council members" pleased at the change-over of carers.

As a carer and husband I can tell Councillor Mayor he should be naming and shaming the persons who awarded these contracts to firms who have not got the staff to honour their commitments.

In the first instant Councillor Mayor should take his blinkers off, open his eyes, look at the facts and ask the question: Could it possibly be low wages, cutting time allowed to help patients causing the slow recruitment of staff?

My wife is now in her third month, waiting for help to be sent home from hospital.

Several weeks of this time was spent in Llanidloes Hospital causing me to travel a near 80 miles round trip every other day and £40 per week in petrol.

I could well have done without the stress of all this travelling at my age - 85.

Thankfully, she has now been moved back to Welshpool Hospital which makes it easier to visit every day. But still no "light at the end of the tunnel" to get my wife home again.

She pleads with me every visit to bring her home.

J A GANNON  
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## Advice for ME patients

WE don't know yet what the recent cabinet reshuffle may mean for people with disabilities and long-term conditions, including the 250,000 with ME.

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# Bedroom tax report is worrying

THE government's new report on the impact of the spare room subsidy - or the so-called 'bedroom tax' - makes for worrying reading.

The analysis has revealed that a staggering 60% of tenants affected by this welfare reform have been unable to meet their basic housing costs since having their benefits reduced.

Although one in five claimants have registered an interest in downsizing, shortages of smaller properties mean just 4.5% of tenants had been able to move to a smaller home. As a result some have no choice but to cut back on

food and energy, and others are running up debts through credit cards and payday loans.

As part of a charity supporting people in financial need in the UK, we at Turn2us know that these findings echo the experiences of our users - over a third of which are social housing tenants.

We're also concerned by the recent government figures showing that almost two-thirds of councils have not paid their total Discretionary Housing Payment allocation to tenants. Funding for the payment was increased to

help people affected by benefit changes including the spare room subsidy so it's vital that this additional support is accessed by those in need.

With the gap between incomes and living costs widening for an increasing number of people, it's important that they are aware of the support available to them. Anyone who is struggling can use our free Benefits Calculator and Grants Search at [www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk) to see if they are eligible for any additional financial support.

ALISON TAYLOR  
Turn2us

## Town celebrating the end of war



A victory parade was held in Welshpool to celebrate the end of World War Two in 1945. The then Mayor of the town is seen taking the salute with a large gathering outside the Town Hall. The picture was supplied by Bob Landers of Shrewsbury, whose father Major Jack Landers is alongside the mayor

## Maude is off mark on the strikers

SO Francis Maude (11 per cent pay rise) thinks strikers (one per cent pay rise) are making life difficult for hard working people.

Who does he think these strikers are? Layabouts and idlers? They represent the back bone of the country. Responsible for our education, health, environment and safety who have seen their standard of living eroded.

I think he should come down from his ivory tower and spend a week working alongside these people. Perhaps then he would understand why they feel so aggrieved and are prepared to lose a days pay to make their point.

TERRY HILLIER  
Four Crosses

## LETTERS to the Editor

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Ten thousand years ago the ice sheets retreated towards the poles, raising sea levels, which made islands of Ireland and the UK.

Antarctica is warming up. Ice sheets are breaking away from the continent. Land that was covered in snow just a few years ago is now bare rock. If all the ice in the world melted, then all low lying areas of the world will be flooded.

TONY SMITH  
Oswestry Equality Group

## Group is seeking your view

LAST summer the Oswestry Equality Group held a public meeting to investigate the closure and relocation of the Lorne Street and Avalon Day Centres.

One year on, we are keen to find out what is now happening. So we wish to contact the people, their families and carers who have been affected.

We would like to talk about, share and understand their experiences of these changes. We would of course treat everything in complete confidence.

If you are able to help, please contact us on 01691 680382 or [oswestryequalitygroup@gmail.com](http://oswestryequalitygroup@gmail.com)

PENNY RICE  
Oswestry Equality Group

## LETTERS

# Britain is sucked in and spat out again

ALAN Johnson, MP, said last year, "Magna Carta - did she die in vain?" She obviously did!

"No freeman", ran the article that lies at the base of our whole judicial system, "shall be seized or imprisoned, or dispossessed, or outlawed, or in any way brought to ruin, save by legal judgement of his Peers of the Realm or by the law of the land. To no man will we sell, or deny, or delay justice".

It worked very well and lasted for 789 years until the European Arrest Warrant came into force on January 1, 2004. The central assumption of this warrant was that the justice system was equally fair - it is an assumption that is deeply flawed.

Stephen Jakobi, director of the lobby group Fair Trials Abroad stated that Britain, Germany, Scandinavian countries, the Netherlands, Austria and Ireland are in the top group of countries where the warrant would work but in other countries, including France, Belgium, Spain and Greece a foreigner is almost always found guilty regardless of the evidence.

A further 13 countries have joined the EU since then - none merit a position in the top group!

Once again Britain has been sucked in, chewed up and spat out!

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**Anniversary cash goes to air charity**  
A COUPLE have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary by donating hundreds of pounds to charity.

Peter and Mary Williams from Penybontfawr, near Oswestry, donated £555 to Wales Air Ambulance.

They recently celebrated their anniversary with a party, and asked friends and family to make a donation to the charity instead of giving them gifts.

Mr Williams said: "We chose to donate to Wales Air Ambulance after one of our friends was airlifted by them, and we've seen the aircraft land below our property when our neighbour was buried."

#### Barbeque blaze leads to call out

A FIRE involving a gas cylinder attached to a barbecue in the garden of a house in Oswestry spread to a fence, leading to the fire service being called.

Householders rang 999 after the fire broke out just after 5pm on Monday in the garden at Guinevere Close.

Two fire crews from Oswestry were at the scene within minutes.

Firefighters used a hose reel jet to extinguish the fire and equipment to cool down the gas cylinder.

The situation was brought under control within half an hour.



Private Cheryl James

by Sue Austin

**THE parents of teenager soldier who died at the controversial Deepcut army barracks have spoken of their relief at the decision there is to be a new inquest into her death.**

Des and Doreen James from Llanymynech say they always believed that eventually someone would listen to them.

Private Cheryl James, was just 18 when she died from a single gunshot wound to her head in November 1995. She had been alone, on guard duty at the barracks.

The couple have campaigned tirelessly for the inquiries into the death of not only their daughter but three other young soldiers who died at Deepcut between 1995 and 2002 to be re-opened.

Last week at the High Court of Justice in London, the chief coroner, Peter Thornton, quashed the original inquest and ordered a fresh investigation. He said: "The original investigation was extremely limited and had flaws. An early assumption seems to have been made that Cheryl took her own life with her own rifle.

"The fragmented bullet was not examined and was later lost as were the casing of the bullet, the other bullet in the rifle and Cheryl's clothing. Her rifle was not examined forensically and no fingerprints were taken from it. Mr James, who was at the High Court to hear the decision, said: "There is no celebration. We cannot celebrate a meaningful inquiry into Cheryl's death that comes almost 20 years later than it should have."

"Over the years there have been many knocks to our self-confidence. But we have always believed that we would get somewhere."

We are relieved and reassured that someone finally believed us."

He said the writing of the Deepcut play by author Philip Ralphs, who was also at the court to hear the news, had been a major stepping stone towards getting justice for his daughter, as had been the involvement of the campaign group, Liberty.

"When our servicemen and women lose their lives while in the service of their country their death must be considered and investigated carefully with respect and dignity; not cast aside as an irritation with convenient assumptions providing an alternative for due diligence."

"We can only hope that the legacies of Cheryl and the other three young servicemen may help secure real change to the current military justice system."

## Marches students in Romania



Pupils from Marches School before setting off on a trip to Romania

STUDENTS from The Marches School, Oswestry are in Romania on a expedition that will include helping to build houses.

The 11 students said they were looking forward to a trip of a lifetime and had been fundraising to pay for it for many months.

Organised in association with the Snowdonia based 'Outlook Expeditions', and accompanied by Miss Helena Griffiths, In-

## Village's football club wins an award

A JUNIOR football club has been named Central Wales club of the year after doubling the number of players it has in 12 months.

Berriew FC Juniors, which has banned parents from shouting at the sides-lines, has also raised enough money to buy a life-saving heart defibrillator to have in the village.

Head coach Paul Inns said the club was hoping to get as many youngsters as possible fit and enjoying playing football.

He said: "It has been a fantastic season for Berriew FC Juniors and we almost doubled the amount of players at the club and we are now up to 100."

"We entered more teams than ever before in the Mid & North Powys junior football league and next season we plan to enter even more."

"We also started a "just for girls" training session and teams for all age groups up to and including under 12."

"We have increased the number of coaches to 16 which includes two coaches with FAWC Certificates and the remainder with FAW Football Leaders Awards."

He added: "We have raised funds and now purchased a defibrillator, for use by the community."



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## Violin to honour memory of poet

THE Wilfred Owen Association, which celebrates the life of Oswestry's war poet, is planning to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War with music.

A violin which will be named after Owen, will be made which can be used for concerts and in an educational outreach programme.

The instrument is being made from a branch of a sycamore growing in the grounds of Craiglockhart, the Edinburgh hydrodynamic institute where Owen was treated for shell shock during the war.

It is being lovingly put together by Steve Burnett, an Edinburgh instrument maker. He said: "For some time I have had in mind to make a violin to honour the memory of Wilfred Owen. Now is the most fitting time, the centenary of the beginning of the Great War."

Inside the violin are the words of Owen's pre-war poem, Written in a Wood 1910. We have chosen a limb from a sycamore tree growing alongside a lovely beech tree at Craiglockhart - a poignant statement of the sacrifices of that generation."

The violin will cost £10,000, which will also cover the costs of staging a concert.

# Warning of long delays for town centre traffic

**MOTORISTS** are being warned they face long traffic queues near Oswestry town centre while sewage pipes are laid by Severn Trent Water.

Councillor Martin Bennett, who serves on Oswestry Town Council and Shropshire Council, is urging people to avoid areas around Middleton Road while the two-week work takes

by Iain St John

Three way traffic signals will be installed from this week to allow the roadworks to take place near the former tax office on Middleton Road.

Councillor Bennett said the work is needed to serve new housing developments in the area and is advising motorists to look at alternative travel arrangements.

He said: "I am concerned that at peak times in particular there could be a lot of traffic queues in and around that area."

There is queuing already at peak times particularly on Salop Road as motorists wait to turn right into Middleton Road.

"I would say to people to be aware of what is happening and to consider their travelling arrangements in the area and also to consider whether it would be better

It is quite a narrow piece of road around where the roadworks will take place and you also have a bridge there where when you cross your view is restricted," he said.

Permission for a new housing development on Middleton Road was granted in April last year. A total of 15 homes comprising two and three bedroom family flats will be built.

to take another route, even if it is adding a few extra minutes and miles to their journey.

"It really would be worth considering whether they can avoid using that bit of Middleton Road over the next few weeks."

Councillor Bennett said some motorists, particularly those attending the appointments at Plas Flynn Medical Centre on Middleton Road, could find themselves stuck in traffic.

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The medals were presented to Year 5 and 6 pupils at Woodside Primary School in Oswestry by the town's mayor John Gareth Jones, who said

he was very impressed with the dedication the youngsters had shown during their mini-Olympics challenge.

The events, which included activities such as running and hurdles, were carried out during lunchtimes over five weeks as part of a project to encourage youngsters to be more active.

Teacher Scott Hebson, who coordinates the school's forest school and

other outdoor activities, drew up the sporting programme and the medals were handed out.

Councillor Jones said: "There were about 50 to 60 youngsters there. I was awarding medals after they gave up their lunch hour to do the mini Olympics challenges."

"It was lovely to see them all. It was part of a healthy school project."

## Pupils emulating Olympic heroes



Pupils celebrating being presented medals for their mini Olympics by Mayor of Oswestry John Gareth Jones

## NEWS in brief

### School writers scoop awards

THREE Oswestry School pupils have been presented with awards after making the finals of the Rotary Young Writer Competition held in North Western Region.

The competition, which is held annually, was open to young people in the North Wales and Merseyside area. Prizes are awarded for the best essay submitted in three age categories junior 10 to 12, intermediate 13 to 15 and senior 16 to 18.

About 200 entries were submitted, with Rotarian Cliff Wood presented the awards to Chloe Bonello, Jenny Cyffin-Jones and Amy Younger.

### Charity provides electricity spark

A FARMING charity from Llanfyllin is helping a rural area of Africa to get electricity, by setting up a solar panel factory.

Dolen Fferviño, the Llanfyllin based charity, has been awarded £8,000 to set up a manufacturing base for solar panels in Ngora, Uganda.

The scheme will produce panels from one to 60kw to suit local needs, much cheaper than imported panels.

Lorna Brown from Dolen Fferviño said: "The new panels will provide energy for small solar lamps and cookers and water pumps."

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NEWS  
in briefHistoric church  
is holding a fete

TRELYSTAN Church, near Welshpool, is holding its annual summer fete on Saturday.

A range of stalls, games, children's races and refreshments will be available for those who attend.

The event is held on the grounds of the Church of St. Mary, which according to historical evidence has existed on the site, in one capacity or another, since 1010 AD and is still the only completely timber frame church in Wales.

Walkers heading  
for the heights

WELSHPOOL Ramblers Group will be walking in the Llangollen area on Sunday on an 'easy' graded circular route of over six miles.

Walkers should meet at Llantysilio Green public car park, near the Chain Bridge Hotel at 10am or at 9am in the upper Church Street car park. Call 01938 590307 for details.

Police seeking  
exhaust thieves

WELSHPOOL police are investigating the theft of a complete exhaust system from a Mercedes Sprinter van overnight on July 15 while the vehicle was parked in the Brookfield Road area. Anyone with any information call 101.

# Plans for 5,000 homes on display at town hall

by Andrew Morris

PLANS for 5,000 homes to be built across Mid Wales over the next 12 years will be unveiled in Welshpool next week.

Powys County Council is planning the homes as part of its Local Development Plan and public consultation will begin on Monday.

The planned locations of the homes will be revealed at a public drop-in event to be held at Welshpool Town Hall on Monday from 1pm to 7pm.

John Evans, Powys County Council spokesman, said: "Powys residents and organisa-

tions are being invited to comment on a plan that will guide the scale and location of new development in the county."

Powys County Council will be consulting on its Deposit Powys Local Development Plan (LDP), which will provide opportunity for building in the county until 2026.

"The six-week consultation will start on July 28 and end on September 8 with seven exhibitions where officers will be present to answer questions and give advice."

"Under the plan the county council has made land allocations to supply 5,000 new dwellings until 2026 with this figure derived from the Welsh Government's 2011 Census based household projections."

The plans have been backed by Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies, who said: "Catering for new homes will be vital for Powys, including Montgomeryshire, through the next decade to satisfy existing demand, and to accommodate expected growth in the economy."

"Residents' views and concerns must be listened to during the consultation period. In particular, we must take full account of factors such as flood risk areas and access roads."

The consultation will be between 1pm and 7pm.

## Arrests after head-on crash

THREE people have been arrested following a head-on smash on Welshpool's one-way system which brought chaotic scenes to the town centre on Saturday night.

The three, a 28-year-old woman, a 33-year-old man and a 31-year-old man, all from the West Midlands were arrested on suspicion of driving whilst unfit through drink or drugs and taking a vehicle without consent and bailed pending further enquiries. The smash happened on High Street at around 10.30pm.

Witnesses said a silver Vauxhall Astra containing the three arrested, ploughed head-on into the Ford Mondeo outside the Sue Ryder shop.

Both cars suffered considerable damage and emergency services were on the scene within minutes. There were no serious injuries.

The consultation will be between 1pm and 7pm.

## Event is £7,000 charity success

ORGANISERS of the Welshpool Annual Charity Event have revealed they raised £7,000 and have confirmed the date for next year.

The Montgomeryshire Branch of The Parachute Regiment held its seventh big day out on July 13 and unveiled a fine line-up of local artists to entertain at Maesdyre School.

Having raised thousands of pounds for charities including Help for Heroes and The Afghanistan Trust, they decided to turn their attention this year to a lesser known, yet equally worthy charity called The Airborne Services.

Thanking everyone for making the day such a success Nicola Davies, one of the organisers said: "A very big thank you to everyone who helped us on the day, to those who attended or just paid for tickets, to those that donated in anyway and to those who continue to support us every year."

"Having counted up the money I can confirm that we managed to raise £7,000 on the day."

This year's event clashed with the Bishops Castle Beer Festival and to avoid this happening again organisers have brought the date forward next year to June 27.

## From flicks to fitness centre



Chris Greatorex puts Rebecca Morgan through her paces

A historic cinema which closed last year has been transformed into a gym and spa by a couple of fitness fanatics.

The Pola Cinema welcomed generations of filmgoers in Welshpool from the 1930s until it was forced to close last summer.

Now Chris and Stacey Greatorex, from Gwilsbury, have transformed the old cinema building in Berriew Street, into the fitness centre, Greats Fitness.

Mr Greatorex said the transformation had taken him 11 months and was now delighted to see it open.

He said: "It was a major refurbishment project and it took an awful lot of people an awful lot of hard work to turn it around into how it is today."

"We had to take out all the old cinema items which had been left and completely transform it into a modern fitness centre."

"But the feedback we have had from clients has been fantastic."

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# Criminals should pay

VANDALS who cause criminal damage should be forced to repair it themselves a public vote has found.

Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Christopher Salmon held a public consultation to find out how the public think low-level crime should be dealt with.

Mr Salmon said the public's favourite punishment for anti-social behaviour was for them to be forced to repair damage such as cleaning up graffiti. The public also thinks criminal

should be forced to pay to replace stolen property.

# Emma's words are quoted as Lords debate assisted deaths

THE words of blogger Emma Suddaby, who died earlier this year, were quoted in the House of Lords during the debate on assisted dying.

Emma, who died surrounded by her family on her 41st birthday at her home near Welshpool, had battled aggressive, destructive rheumatoid arthritis for two decades.

She died in May, not long after writing about the issue of assisted dying for sister paper the Shropshire Star.

by David Banner

A Bill which would offer the chance of assisted dying to terminally ill patients deemed mentally capable and within six months of likely death, cleared its first stage to becoming law on Friday.

And during the 10 hour debate in the House of Lords, Liberal Democrat peer Baroness Brinton spoke in favour of assisted dying and quoted Ms Suddaby's thoughts on the matter.

The life peer, who also has rheumatoid arthritis, told peers: "As a disabled and christian

woman, I support the Bill. Not many people know that, very rarely, rheumatoid arthritis can be fatal."

"Although I did not know her, I admired Emma Suddaby, a blogger, who had long-term, aggressive and then final-stage disease."

"Around the time she was told that she was terminally ill, she wrote the following: 'I don't think anyone is afraid of dying, what they are afraid of is ending up in a hospital bed — a very scary realisation, let me tell you.'

The Assisted Dying Bill will now be considered by the House of Lords



Emma Suddaby who had rheumatoid arthritis was quoted in House of Lords

## Leader says hardship cash is in the bank

A HARSHSHIP fund will be ringfenced so that it can't be used for other matters, the leader of Shropshire Council has said.

Councillor Keith Barrow, speaking at a full meeting of the authority's cabinet, said that almost £1 million of funding given to the council by central government for the past two years and the interest it accrued, would remain to help alleviate hardship in the county. He said no more funds would be coming from the government.

Joyce Brand, well known in the county for her work with food banks and helping those in need, said she feared the money would be easily moved to other areas of the council budget.

She said: "This money is supposed to be for those in crisis and these are often people who have lost their job through redundancy and who find that it takes some time to sort their benefits out."

But Councillor Barrow said that £74,000 had been spent and that the remaining money would be used to provide crisis support for as long as the fund lasted.

"The money is held in council reserves and I will guarantee that this will be ringfenced."

"I am very proud of the work that this team is doing, ensuring that the money is used correctly. The government used to give out money — write a cheque for a new coat or give out supermarket vouchers, both of which can be spent on anything."

"What we do is give instead food bank vouchers and then we replenish the food banks. More importantly the team look at the issues that put the person into crisis and try to help. That could be helping a person back into employment."

## Equality group spreads wings

THE work of an Oswestry equality campaign is spreading throughout Shropshire, delighted bosses have said.

The Oswestry Equality Group was established 12 months ago and members are now busily planning for the next 12 months.

Penny Rice, speaking for the group, said: "We have been very excited that our name has spread through Shropshire."

"Ann Shaw, equality and diversity officer for Warwickshire and West Mercia Police, has included us in a number of initiatives. These include a hate crime stall, the establishment of safe places in town, and also support for Oswestry becoming a Dementia Friendly Town."

"We have also been approached by the local NHS Foundation Trust which

wants us to speak to local people about their experiences in using mental health services."

"We have held several public meetings including the Oswestry Foodbank, where we have helped with food collections, bag packing and filling special Christmas boxes. Our work with the Foodbank will continue as it is needed more and more."

The group has also worked with, and supported, organisations such as Dernon College, The Oswestry Access Group, Shropshire Disability Network, and Chums Befriending Service.

A number of events are already planned for next year.

The next public meeting is on October 22, when Jackie Jeffrey, manager of Citizens Advice Shropshire will talk about debt.

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NEWS  
in brief

## Guild's craftwork goes on display

WORK produced by the Shropshire Guild of Contemporary Crafts will be on display at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry next month.

The Guild was formed in 2001 to promote, display and sell work produced by designer makers in Shropshire.

This is the Guild's first ever extended exhibition of work, showcasing over twenty designers and makers under one roof.

Members use traditional skills and techniques alongside innovative modern methods to create their crafts. The exhibition lasts for five weeks starting August 23.

## Hundreds sign badger petition

HUNDREDS of people have signed a petition in a bid to prevent badger culling coming to Shropshire.

The petition entitled Save The Shropshire Badgers has been signed by nearly 500 people and will be presented at a meeting of Shropshire Council's environment scrutiny committee next week.

Campaigners, who were active against culling earlier this year, are fighting against the controversial method coming to Shropshire should Defra legislation become more wide spread.

# Anti-knife campaign is set to expand its work

by Iain St John

A national anti-knife campaign led by an Oswestry company is expanding its work and looking to collaborate with similar groups.

Save a Life, Surrender Your Knife in a project masterminded by the British Ironwork Centre.

It is making plans to visit Manchester after its inaugural campaign visit to Birmingham to persuade young people carrying knives to relinquish their weapons.

The campaign team, headed by the centre's chairman, Clive Knowles, travelled to the north west of England last week to discuss the plans for Manchester.

He was accompanied to the meeting at the Fusilier Museum in Bury by families of young men from Chirk and Birmingham who lost their lives to knife crime last year.

Among the group was Lisa McNeil, mother of Chirk man Danny Jones who died after being stabbed in Oswestry, and Alison Cope, mother of Birmingham rapper Joshua Ribera, who used the stage name Depzman, and who died after being stabbed.

Representatives of Greater Manchester Police Superintendent's Office, Manchester Police and Crime Commissioner's Office and Colonel Mike Glover of the Fusiliers welcomed the delegation together with Lisa Minott, mother of Fusilier David Collins who was tragically killed in Cyprus.

Lisa, who set up the charitable organisation "Raising Aspirations" following the loss of her son, had contacted Mr Knowles after learning of the centre's campaign through Colonel Glover.

Mr Knowles said: "We were honoured to hear from Lisa and to receive her whole-hearted support for our project – collaborating with other knife crime-related charities gives us a stronger voice.

## School appeal gets a boost

A PRIMARY school's appeal to buy life-saving heart defibrillators has been given a funding boost.

Morda Church of England Primary School is running a Shock for Life Appeal to pay for two of the machines, one for the school and one for the community.

The school has been working with SADS UK, a charity which specialises in helping schools obtain defibrillators and which has already helped several schools in the area.

The charity has agreed to offer a grant for an undisclosed sum.

Anne Wilson, local area organiser for SADS UK, said: "We are extremely happy to help Morda with their fund raising activities and are pleased to be able to offer a grant toward their objectives. We believe that all schools should have a defibrillator on the premises and have an online petition which people can sign to support this objective."

## Places in marathon are now up for grabs

RUNNERS looking for a challenge are being invited to sign up for the London Marathon and help raise funds for one of the county's hospitals.

There are 37 places for the 2015 Virgin London Marathon, which will be held on April 26, available through Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital.

Enthusiastic runners and fundraisers are urged to apply to the hospital early for one of these coveted places and help raise money for its bone cancer centre appeal.

Appeal director Gwilym Owen said: "My thanks go to all those involved in fundraising so far towards the new £2 million Bone Cancer Centre. This appeal will really improve facilities for patients with bone cancer, who are often teenagers and young adults."

"Whilst we have already come a long way in reaching our appeal target of £500,000, we need a final push with runners signing up for the 2015 Virgin London Marathon, where we have an astonishing 37 places currently available. It is rare for one organisation to have so many places."

• Road Ahead Closed is available as an ebook from Amazon priced £3.60.

"I felt I'd had a lot of problems and managed to get through them and thought it might be an encouragement to others. Because of ill health, I wasn't expected to reach the age of 20, but here I am in my 80s."

For more information about a place visit [www.rjah.nhs.uk/marathon](http://www.rjah.nhs.uk/marathon)

## Geoff pens autobiography



Geoffrey Smales pictured with his wife

FROM having a knife pressed against his throat to teaching young piano students in the Shropshire countryside, Geoffrey Smales has led an interesting life.

And the 85-year-old from Oswestry has now decided to put his story down on electronic paper.

Mr Smales' book, Road Ahead Closed, has been released as an ebook for Kindle.

He said: "It's called Road Ahead Closed because my road ahead has been closed so often, such as being seriously ill when I was a boy and having my educational road closed.

"I felt I'd had a lot of problems and managed to get through them and thought it might be an encouragement to others. Because of ill health, I wasn't expected to reach the age of 20, but here I am in my 80s."

• Road Ahead Closed is available as an ebook from Amazon priced £3.60.

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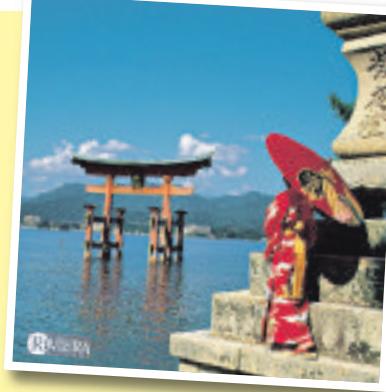
In Tokyo see its most fascinating districts, including the shopping and entertainment mecca of Ginza and the Akihabara electronic town – home to one of the first stores devoted to personal robots. Then to the north of the city there's the scenic area Nikko National Park, relatively unknown outside Japan. Surrounded by breathtaking lakes, waterfalls, forests and hot springs, a visit is made to one of the country's most extraordinary shrines – dedicated to one of its great Shogun warriors.

Kyoto, still considered to be its cultural heart has carefully retained far more of historical Japan than any other major city. With exquisite shrines, temples, Zen gardens and traditional handicrafts, the city is an absolute treasure-trove.

Nara, Japan's first capital, dates back to the eighth century. Here, traditional culture first took root and is famous for its great Buddhist monuments including a large bronze buddha as well as time-honoured festivals.

Hiroshima is forever destined to be synonymous with the world's first use of an atomic bomb and a visit is made to the Peace Memorial Park and museum, with the shattered remains of the nearby dome marking the epicentre of the blast.

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# Property

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING



## Roomy bungalow in elevated spot with far-reaching views

Number 12 Acorn Rise, Welshpool, is a delightful detached bungalow in an elevated, yet convenient position with panoramic country views. With mains gas, double glazing and solar roof panels, it has a kitchen/breakfast room, and lounge/dining room with patio doors to a raised terrace. There are three bedrooms, two with wardrobes, a bathroom and boarded loft space. Outside is a garage, parking and garden. The property is priced at £198,000 - call Halls on 01938 555552.

## Country property in a great spot with views

An idyllic detached cottage with outstanding views over open countryside has come on to the market with Town & Country.

Top O Graig, Llangedwyn, near Oswestry, stands in well maintained cottage gardens with a vegetable plot, fruit bushes and variety of trees.

The accommodation comprises a hallway, attractive lounge with beamed ceiling, log

burner and glazed doors to a patio, a dining/sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room with cream Shaker style units and integral appliances, a utility/boot room and cloakroom. Upstairs are three bedrooms, two with built-in wardrobes, and a bathroom with white suite.

The property also has a garage, sheds, greenhouse and woodshed, and benefits from solar

panels for the hot water as well as oil-fired central heating and double glazing. The gardens overlook open countryside and include slate patio areas, well stocked cottage gardens.

The agents have set a guide price of £299,950 and recommend early viewing. Call Town & Country on 01691 679631 or visit [www.townandcountryoswestry.com](http://www.townandcountryoswestry.com) to find out more.



## Detached home comes with smart self-contained annexe

A detached home in West Felton is on the market at £435,000. Number 1 Stonehouse Drive stands in gardens with accommodation split between the house and a self-contained annexe. There is a hallway, open plan kitchen/breakfast room, garden room, utility, sitting room, dining area, three bedrooms, two en-suite, and study/bedroom 4. The annexe has a kitchen/breakfast room, two bedrooms, one en-suite, a Jack and Jill bathroom, sitting room and balcony. There are gardens and a summerhouse, workshop and garage. Call Strutt & Parker on 01743 284200.



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## Smart bungalow which has been refurbished

A modern, recently updated two-bedroom semi-detached bungalow on a good-sized plot is on the market with Town & Country.

Situated in a convenient location within easy walking distance of Oswestry town centre, 52 Vyrnwy Road has an entrance hall, refitted kitchen with built-in oven, hob and extractor hood, a living room/dining area, inner hallway, two bedrooms and a bathroom.

There is ample driveway parking to the front and a large rear garden. The property is priced at £129,950 – call Town & Country on 01691 679631 or email [sales@townandcountryoswestry.com](mailto:sales@townandcountryoswestry.com) to arrange a viewing.

**TOWN & COUNTRY**

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## Five-bed residence dates back to 17th century

On the market with Balfours, The White House, Maesbrook, is believed to date from the 17th century with several later extensions to create a spacious family home.

It has an entrance hall, sitting room with inglenook fireplace and woodburner, snug, dining room with woodburner, kitchen/breakfast room with Aga, a utility, boot room, study, downstairs shower room, WC, five bedrooms and a bathroom.

There are large gardens, ample parking and a double garage with boarded attic. The property is priced at £425,000 – call Balfours on 01743 353511 to view.

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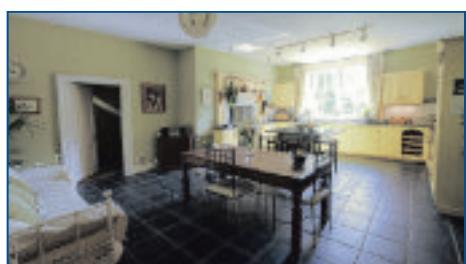


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### Phil Spencer presents BEST ESTATE AND LETTING AGENT IN COUNTY award to Woodhead Estates

Phil Spencer, TV Presenter and Property Guru presented this incredible award to Woodhead Estates at the recent prestigious Estate & Letting Agent Awards ceremony held at The Hilton, Park Lane in London, which was attended by 700 of the UK's top estate and letting agents. Known as the ESTAS, these awards are presented to only the very best estate and letting agents in the country, after sifting through 32,000 questionnaires completed by customers.

"The ESTAS are about making people happy, putting a smile on their face and making a genuine difference to people's lives. An Agent's role is about guiding people through one of the most stressful times in their lives and that's not an easy job. The ESTAS help agencies to focus on customer service levels", said Phil Spencer, who has hosted the ESTAS every year since their inception in 2004.

Kate Howell (Woodhead) said, "We are absolutely thrilled to be recognised at this year's ESTAS. It means so much to us as we know it is our customers who have judged our performance. We take our levels of customer service very seriously because we know clients have a choice. We have always been very proud of the personal service we provide and this is a great way to demonstrate how good we really are."

Alex Chesterman, Founder and CEO of headline sponsor Zoopla Property Group said "We are delighted to be once again supporting this key industry event. The ability to collect and act on customer feedback is essential to the success of any business and rewarding those who provide the best service in the industry, as these awards do, is perfectly aligned with our business."

Contact for further details: Kate Howell, Woodhead Estates, 01691 680044



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### Woodhead Estates takes property to London

As a result of its proven commitment to the highest code of conduct and levels of customer service, Woodhead Estates is proud to be the only Estate Agent in the region chosen to represent the Guild of Professional Estate Agents. This has some tremendous benefits for customers, one of which is regular invitations to showcase properties to the lucrative London and international investor markets in the Guild's National Property Centre on Park Lane, Mayfair, in London.

Pictured are Proprietor, Kate Howell (Woodhead) and Negotiator, Daniel Graham, who were delighted to take Woodhead Estates' portfolio of properties to the Park Lane exhibition on 11th and 12th July. No other local Estate Agent is able to offer this.

"We are proud of our exclusive local nomination from the Guild which we hold because we insist on the highest standards of service, training and commitment to our customers", said Kate Howell (Woodhead), "we will continue to work hard to keep this nomination, as it provides amazing additional opportunities to market our customers' properties. There is another exhibition in London in October and any properties we are representing at the time will be exhibited there, so we are actively looking for interesting premium stock to take with us"

Woodhead Estates has also won Best Estate and Letting Agent in County award at the recent prestigious Estate & Letting Agent Awards ceremony, also held in London.

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## Smart dormer home on fringe of village

On the market with JJ Dell & Co, Elton, in Nant Lane, on the edge of Morda, is a well appointed detached dormer bungalow. With gas central heating and double glazing it has a lounge, kitchen, four double bedrooms, a bathroom, cloakroom, garage, car parking and gardens. The kitchen has an integrated oven, the lounge has a fireplace with a solid fuel burner, and there is a study with stairs to the first floor. There are four bedrooms and a bathroom. Outside are double gates to a driveway, and garage. To the front is a walled garden, and rear garden. The property is priced at £194,950. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 or visit the website [www.jjdell.co.uk](http://www.jjdell.co.uk) for more details.

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CHARTERED SURVEYORS



## Refurbished family home in heart of area

An attractive period home which has been extensively renovated is for sale with Bowen Son & Watson at a guide price of £242,000.

Temperance House, The Cross, in the centre of Gobowen, includes an entrance hall, cellar, lounge, family room, study, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, four bedrooms, one en-suite, and a family bathroom.

There is gas-fired central heating, a good-sized rear garden to the rear and ample driveway parking to the front. Call Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 to arrange a viewing.

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- EPC Band - D
- JJD849

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£269,000

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- Conservatory
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- Three Double bedrooms
- Bathrooms & En-Suite
- Garage
- Views Across Open Fields
- EPC Band - E
- JJD848

**OSWESTRY**



£349,950

- Detached three bedroomed family house in sought after residential area
- G/F C/H, D/G
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen & Utility
- Dining Room
- Sitting Room & Lounge
- Large Garage
- Attractive Gardens
- EPC Band D
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£69,950

- Close Care Residential Bungalow
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- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Bedroom
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- Available
- EPC Band - D
- JJD842

**OSWESTRY**



NO CHAIN £110,000

- Buy To Let/F T Bungalow
- GFCH
- Entrance Hall
- Sitting Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking
- Front And rear Gardens
- EPC Band - D
- JJD845

**MORDA**



£194,950

- Well Appointed Four Bed, Dormer Bungalow
- GFCH & D/Glazing
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom & Cloakroom
- Study
- Garage & Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Occupying Quiet Village Position
- EPC Band - D
- JJD843

**LLANFECHAIN**



GUIDE PRICE £400,000

- Kitchen
- Drawing Room
- Lounge & Sun Room
- Library & Study
- Cloakroom
- 5 Bedrooms/2 Baths
- Double Garaging
- Possibility to split accommodation
- EPC Band - C
- JJD833

**PANT, NR. OSWESTRY**



GUIDE PRICE £350,000

- Oil Fired Central Heating
- Entrance Porch
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Breakfast/Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Enclosed Front Garden
- Parking for 4/5 cars
- Workshop
- Includes B/Plot with Full P/P for Dwelling
- EPC Band F
- JJD807

**OSWESTRY**



£114,950

- Gas Fired C/H
- Living Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Ideal For Buy To Let
- Quiet Cul De Sac Position
- EPC Band - D
- JJD841

**OSWESTRY**



£109,950

- Ground Floor Apartment
- GFCH
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Living Room
- Bathroom
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Parking Space
- Visitors Parking
- EPC Band - D
- JJD835

**GOBOWEN**



£210,000

- Detached Three Bedrooomed Split Level House
- GFCH, D/G
- Impressive Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Garage & Car Parking
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- The gardens have been maintained to the highest of standards
- Double Garage and ample off road parking
- Electric storage heaters & uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating C

**NEW**




**Bronygarth Road  
Weston Rhyn**

£180,000

- Deceptively spacious 3 bedroom detached bungalow
- Situated within an elevated position
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Sun Room, Kitchen
- 3 BedRooms, 1 Well Fitted Bathroom
- Good sized low maintenance gardens to the front & rear
- Tarmac driveway, ample off road parking and a garage
- Part uPVC double glazing and Gas C/H. EPC Rating D

**NEW**




**Berwyn Drive  
St Martins**

£225,000

- A spacious and well presented 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Dining Room, Kitchen, Lounge
- 3 BedRooms, Bathroom and a Luxury Bathroom
- Large paved garden with raised decking area to the rear
- Views towards the Welsh border at the fore
- Off-road parking and access to a secure garage to the front
- Gas c/h, uPVC D/G, fascias & soffits and alarm system. EPC Rating C

**NEW**




**Abraham Court  
Oswestry**

£130,000

- Well positioned 2 Bedroom Ground Floor Retirement Apartment
- The property has the advantage of dual aspect windows
- Having direct access onto the communal gardens
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom 1
- Bedroom 2/Dining Room and Bathroom
- House Manager, Careline System, Resident's Lounge
- Laundry & Guest Suite. Communal car park. EPC Rating C

**NEW**




**Llanforda Mead  
Oswestry**

£235,000

- Spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow situated in a sought after location
- Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, 3 BedRooms, Bathroom, landscaped rear garden
- Off-road parking single garage, summerhouse and garden shed
- Gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating D

**NEW**




**Nant Lane  
Morda**

£194,950

- Deceptively spacious Dormer Bungalow set in an elevated position
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Study, Kitchen, Bedroom 1
- Bedroom 2/Dining Room, Ground Floor Bathroom
- Two First Floor BedRooms and adjoining garage and cloakroom
- The gardens extend around the property with vegetable plots
- Green house and storage shed to the rear.
- uPVC D/G, Gas C/H, cavity wall & roof insulation. EPC Rating D

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Pant**

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- Within excellent landscaped gardens. D/G & Oil C/H. EPC Rating D

**NEW  
PRICE**




**York Street  
Oswestry**

£114,995

- Deceptively spacious & well presented Mid-Terrace Property
- Lounge leading into Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Rear Hallway, Ground Floor WC, 2 BedRooms, Bathroom
- Good size rear garden. Storage Shed/Utility.
- uPVC double glazing & Gas C/H. EPC Rating D

**NEW  
PRICE**




**Springfield Gardens  
West Felton**

£215,000

- Detached Bungalow in Popular Village Location
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- Recently Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory
- Recently Fitted Bathroom, 2 Beds
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£99,995

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- Lounge leading into Dining Room, Kitchen with adjoining Utility Area
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- Range of established shrubs and trees, 2 timber garden sheds
- Garage & Parking, Double glazing and Gas C/H. EPC Rating F

**NEW  
PRICE**




**Hampton Road  
Oswestry**

£238,000

- Well presented 3 Bedroom Link Detached Bungalow
- Lounge, Dining Rm, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility
- Master Bed with adjoining WC
- 2 further Beds & Family Bathroom
- Good size rear garden, garage & 2 driveways
- Double glazing and Gas C/H. EPC Rating D




**Coopers Field  
St Martins**

£114,995

- Well presented Mid-Terrace Property
- Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility
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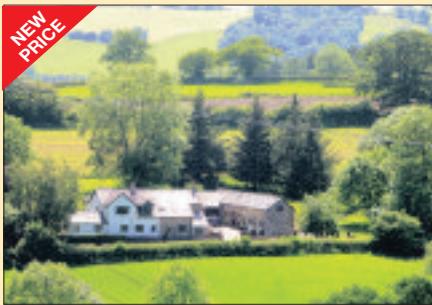
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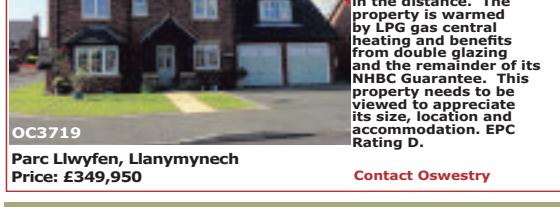
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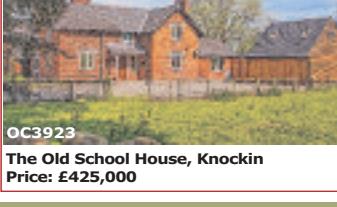
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## Units are saved by council's rethink

SPECIALIST units for children with additional learning needs in primary schools in Mid Wales have been saved from the axe.

Powys County Council's cabinet voted through a council officer recommendation that it should not proceed with the closure of the pre-school assessment centres not specialist units.

In February the council announced that it intended closing all 18 specialist support centres for children with additional learning needs based within primary schools, as well as four pre-assessment centres, from September 1 this year.

But now the council has said it will not close any units at this time.

The initial proposals sparked anger from parents who launched a campaign. After the meeting parents expressed their delight on a facebook page, Hands Off Our Specialist Units Powys.

One of the campaigners Cerys Owen said the unanimous vote by councillors at the meeting had been welcomed by those who had travelled to the meeting.

"Champagne was drunk outside county hall," she said.

Lisa Rapado, another of the campaigners, said: "Power to the people, HOO-SUP has changed the course of educational history" in Powys. Victory is ours."

# National Grid boss tells of need for power lines

**Pam Kingsley**

**NEW power lines in Shropshire and mid Wales will be essential to fill a gap in the national network, a National Grid expert has insisted.**

The majority of the country is covered by power lines capable of handling the thousands of megawatts of power generated by large-scale power stations.

Previously this high-voltage power coverage wasn't in Shropshire - but with a growing number of plans for wind farms in Powys over the past several years, Scottish Power asked for the network to be expanded.

That means the prospect of pylon towers crossing the countryside, something that has led to a massive backlash from those who live along proposed routes.

Jeremy Lee, National Grid project manager of the mid Wales connection project, said the lines were vital for ensuring power being generated at the wind farms can be used effectively.

"The new sources of power are now coming in places where previously there wasn't anything, so the shape of the network is not quite right. We are having now to look at making larger changes than we have in the past."

"The larger new nuclear stations are also requiring us to put more in and the offshore windfarms are



**Jeremy Lee National Grid project manager**

the same, coming in areas where previously there was no need for a network. We can't discriminate against different types of power generation. Our job is to provide the infrastructure, and I think that's quite useful to get across

National Grid is currently awaiting the result of a public inquiry into plans for five wind farms across Mid Wales.

The inquiry has finished,

but planning inspector Andrew Poulter isn't expected to give his decision until the end of the year. The proposals involve turbines at Llanbadarn Fynydd, near Llandrindod Wells; Llaitluddu, near Newtown; Llandianin, near Llandilo; Llanybrynmair, near Machynlleth; Carnedd Wen, near Machynlleth; with a 132kV overhead electric line connection from a Llandinam wind farm to the

Welshpool substation

Mr Lee: "We are waiting for the decision on these windfarms. If they are refused planning permission then obviously there won't be the need for our transmission lines and so we won't go ahead."

Mr Lee said the objections raised by people living along the Shropshire-Wales border to the proposals are not any different to those he has heard dozens of times

before. But he said the company will always listen to any comments and will try to take it into consideration when planning routes.

The current plans include using 25 miles of pylons and eight miles of underground cables through the Mefod valley, from Cefn Coch to the national supply chain in north Shropshire, at Lower Frankton near Oswestry.



**The route of the proposed power lines running above and below ground**



## NEWS in brief

**Members of WI enjoy centre visit**  
MEMBERS of a village's Women's Institute enjoyed a visit to a county tourist attraction.

Members of Gobowen WI travelled to the British Ironwork Centre at Aston near Oswestry where they toured Shropshire's first Sculpture Park.

They also had a tour of the centre's new showroom which was officially opened by Prince Michael of Kent. Clive Knowles, British Ironwork Centre chairman, who was on hand to greet the ladies, said: "We were only too pleased to welcome Gobowen WI to the centre - it has been our great pleasure to entertain them."

## Oswestry civic service for WWI

A CIVIC service to commemorate the start of World War I will be held in Oswestry on August 3.

The service at St Oswald's Church will be led by the vicar, Rev Simon Thorburn, who said it will have a different tone to the annual Remembrance Day services.

"The service will not be another version of Remembrance Sunday, which will have its own place as usual in November," Rev Thorburn said.

"We will remember King Oswald as it seems fitting to remember a soldier martyr at such a time."

The service will start at 11am and all are welcome to attend.

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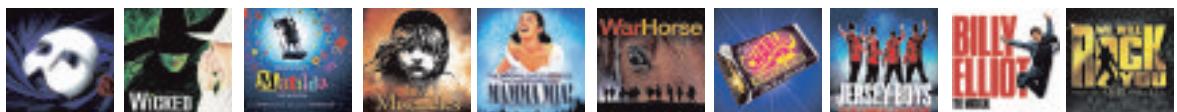
For the Dine and Dance option see the matinee performance before heading back to the hotel for dinner and a disco (conditions apply). Or the Saturday Night option includes a ticket for the show to see an evening performance.

Both breaks include a theatre ticket, overnight stay in a four-star outer London hotel, with full English breakfast (plus dinner for Dine and Dance options).

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# Try beginning your day the wild way

LENGTHY, sizzling days and warm, light and uncomfortable nights typify a dry spell, dare I say 'heatwave' in the summer months here in Shropshire.

However it needn't all be bad news for the naturalist. Even ignoring the night-time creatures, early morning and late evenings are an opportunity to fit in a few extra wildlife viewing hours; even if it might not seem so at first.

I simply could not sleep. It was a hot, muggy night and there was nothing for it but to get up far too early and hope for a timely return to bed in the afternoon.

The dog was ready of course and as I set out on my somnolent constitutional, I was not exactly feeling at one with the bright and lively song thrush, nor the buoyant blackbird.

The only thing I thought of as I approached the lake's edge was that at least the horse flies were still asleep. And yet having said all this, it was member of the wild community that rocked me out of my lethargy.

## Plunging

The screaming wheeling of black headed gulls came from somewhere on or above the water. I brushed through the small copse and stood in the shallows watching.

A veritable vortex of gulls was plunging and diving from on high, down towards the water's surface.

At first I assumed they must be fishing and had stumbled upon a shoal of hapless fry. But as I watched, I could clearly see that these birds had no interest in breaking the otherwise mill-pond-calm of the lake, they were in fact actively avoiding contact with it.

There was something there, something perhaps a little sinister, something the birds had no intention of touching.

I continued to watch, now fully awake. Then I saw it, a small bump broke the liquid film and then

## ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams



another.

Whatever it was, was completely unconcerned by the birds above.

As it closer I could more clearly make it out; an otter on its back, paddling with its rear feet towards me. I held my breath.

The otter came closer and closer, occasionally diving briefly before reappearing with something of interest, sometimes on its back and sometimes on its front.

It continued this course until at about 20 feet from my position it took one final dive and disappeared from both my gaze and that of the gulls.

Peace returned almost immediately to the lake and I continued my walk.

It was clearly going to be a sunny and hot day and as the light increased, small spirals of mist began rising from the lake's surface like some pre-meval swamp.

In the reedbed a warbler sang and a reed bunting flitted between its roost above the water and into the copse to begin foraging.

Suddenly another shrieking sound began, however this was far higher pitched than that of the gulls. It was the long whistle of a kingfisher.

Obligingly the bird perched on one of the mist cloaked reeds and began its own brand of angling.

After a few more minutes of watching, I left the lakeshore fully refreshed and ready to start the day in the studio... and I hadn't even had my breakfast yet.

See Ben's paintings hanging in Callaghan's Gallery, Shrewsbury.



Morning on the Lake - by Ben Waddams

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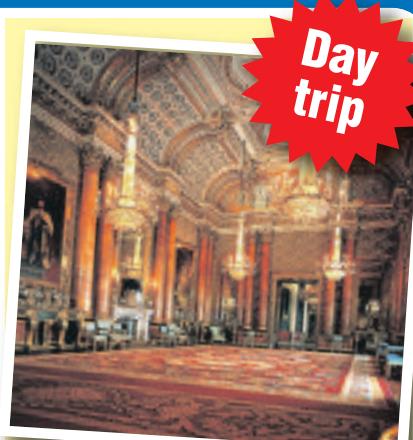
### Buckingham Palace

See inside the most famous home in the world – Buckingham Palace. This magnificent building has served as the official residence of Britain's sovereigns since 1837. And when The Queen travels to Balmoral each summer the doors are opened to the public.

Inside there are 19 State Rooms to explore which are used extensively by The Queen and members of the Royal Family to receive and entertain their guests on State, ceremonial and official occasions.

They are furnished and decorated with priceless works of art that form part of the Royal Collection, including paintings by Van Dyck and Canaletto, sculptures by Canova and exquisite pieces of porcelain. Highlights include the Throne Room, State Dining Room, the Ballroom and the White Drawing room, which is perhaps the most spectacular.

Visitors will also be able to admire the 39-acre garden which features more than 350 types of flower, over 200 trees and a three-acre lake.



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## Problems for farmers over beef pricing

BEEF farmers across Shropshire and Mid Wales are facing "major problems" with the price being paid to them by retailers still plummeting.

They are being paid up to £300 less per breast than they were just a year ago, meat promotion Wales warned as the Royal Welsh Show got under way on Monday.

The price has dropped from an average of £4.02 per kg in July 2013 to £3.55 per kg in June 2014.

The fall has been blamed on foreign imports flooding the market from as far away as South America.

Now Dai Davies, chairman of Hybu Cig Cymru (Meat Promotion Wales) said: "The Sword of Damocles" is hanging over the industry.

He said said the only way to save the industry is to develop a strong and trusting relationship between farmers and retailers.

"It's not an exaggeration to say that the Sword of Damocles is hanging over the beef industry," he said.

"While the standard of our livestock has never been higher and the quality of Welsh beef is appreciated by consumers here in the uk and across the world, the industry is facing major problems through a lack of strategic planning by some retailers."

"We all remember the pledges made by many of the retailers after the horsemeat scandal."

"They promised that beef would be largely sourced from the UK, rather than risk obtaining their meat products from abroad and possibly from untraceable sources."

"To their credit, many of those retailers stuck to their word. Unfortunately, that's not the situation in all cases."

He added: "The big danger for our industry is that some farmers will feel they have little choice other than to get out of beef altogether and that will be a tragedy, not only for our industry, but also for the consumer."

Gwyn Howells, chief executive of Hybu Cig Cymru, added: "The beef sector in Wales and across Britain is going through a difficult period, with farmers receiving up to £300 less per beast than they were just a year ago.

"While the interim report is very much a work in progress, it does put forward a range of concepts which need to be investigated further."

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Shopping addicts should head for the famous names – Saks, Macy's and Bloomingdales – or perhaps try some of the Christmas markets, like Grand Central Station's.

When all the gifts have been bought it might be time to consider an optional excursion, with a helicopter ride over the city an exhilarating idea.

Historic Boston then beckons, with accommodation reserved in the Victoria 'Back Bay' area, close to the glittering walls of the Prudential Center and ultra-modern Copley Plaza.

Alternatively, walk the historic Freedom Trail through the heart of the city, taking in cobblestoned Beacon Hill, the ice skaters on frozen Frog Pond and Fanueil Hall beneath New England's largest Christmas tree.

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Country and Western Festival-goers get comfortable as the entertainment begins



Chay's Stompers lead the dancing at the annual Welshpool festival



Country and Western fans gather around the main stage



Elaine Maddock and Barbara Keenan enjoying the fun

# Festival is a success

**RAIN failed to dampen the high spirits at Welshpool's annual country and western festival at the weekend.**

Despite thunderstorms and overcast skies, thousands of music fans turned out to enjoy this year's Welshpool Country and Western Festival.

Held at the Powis Castle Showground, headline acts included Pure Country, Fools Gold, Next of Kin and John Permenter.

David Corfield, event chairman, said: "The storms don't seem to have affected anything."

"We've had lots of new people come down this

**by Sophie Madden**

year and the people staying over in caravans are 100 up on last year, we've had about 330 in total.

"We're very pleased, the pre-booking was also way up on last year and on Thursday we had lots of people who hadn't booked just turning up on the gate to get tickets - which we've never had before."

"Everybody's said there's been a really nice atmosphere, they're all happy and we've not had one complaint so far."

"The committee are very pleased, people are sociable and the rain hasn't bothered them."

The event annual raises money for the Heulwen Trust, which gives free boat rides along the Montgomery Canal to people with disabilities.

The trust was formed in 1985 with the aim if bringing enjoyment and pleasure to people with disabilities by providing trips along the Montgomery Canal. The trips are free and thousands of people have already taken part.

The two narrow boats the trust operate are purpose built for the needs of passengers. It costs more than £30,000 per year to run the boats, and the main source of funding is the Country & Western, this year being the 27th show.



Kevin Murray was all dressed up for the occasion

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Devlin Hobson from Kidsgrove makes his declaration



Pieder Neilson from Bromyard gets into the spirit of the event



Mike Bishop from Somerset, makes himself heard

# CRIERS IN BIG TURNOUT



Crowds brave the rain to watch the town criers making their declarations.



Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies chats with judges at the Montgomery event



Shrewsbury town crier Martin Wood on his way to winning

**TOWN** criers from across the UK descended on Montgomery to take part in a new competition.

Montgomery's town crier Sue Blower, who is one of the few female town criers in the UK, organised the competition - which was won by Shrewsbury's Martin Woods.

Nine criers from across the country took part, travelling from as far afield as Frome, Litchfield and Royal Wootton Bassett.

Ms Blower did not take part, and instead acted as master of ceremonies, but is set to represent Wales in the World Town Crier event in Chester.

But it was Mr Woods who impressed judges with a poem about the history of the Robber's Grave in Montgomery.

Robber's Grave was created in 1821, John Davies, of Wrexham, was sentenced to death

by hanging at Montgomery for highway robbery.

Throughout his trial and after the sentence, Davies declared his innocence and prayed that God would not allow the grass to grow on his grave for 100 years as a sign of his innocence.

His grave was said to have remained bare for at least a century, but is now grassed over.

Mr Woods said: "From my perspective it was absolutely brilliant, because I won."

"We always enjoy competition days, but the icing on the cake is at the end of the day when you win or get placed."

"I was really pleased to compete and win, especially as an Englishman in Wales."

Mr Woods said about 200 people watched the competition throughout the day on Saturday.



A wet day for the town crier competition in Montgomery



Newport town crier Peter Taunton in action



## SATURDAY

**Tonight at the Games**

10.40pm

Mark Chapman and Clare Balding present a round-up of the day's action on day three of the Commonwealth Games, featuring triathlon, swimming, netball and track cycling. The final triathlon action of these Games came from Strathclyde Country Park and involved the mixed team relay.

**Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights**

5.40pm

Suzi Perry presents action from the Hungaroring, near Budapest, where the drivers battled for pole position in the 11th round of the season. Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton qualified fastest last year, and made the most of his position to go on to win the race.

**You've Been Framed!**

7pm

Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from giddy grandmas, cute kids and crazy animals to below-the-belt mishaps, practical jokers and painful-looking accidents. So sit back and enjoy the laughs from the comfort of your own sofa.

**Grand Designs**

8pm

Kevin McCloud follows the progress of Simon and Jill Bennett as they try to restore two timber-framed barns in Suffolk. The couple found out that one of the buildings is among the smallest surviving medieval guildhalls in the country. Simon is determined to restore it to its former glory.

**Baby Face Brides**

8pm

Documentary following three couples from different backgrounds who all have something in common – the bride-to-be will be walking down the aisle as a teenager. Rebecca was pregnant when she got together with Aaron and they have a budget of £2,000 for their big day.

**BBC1**

**6.00** Breakfast.

**9.00** **Commonwealth Games.** Mishal Husain introduces live coverage of the opening events on day three of the Games in Glasgow, including the latest swimming heats and netball.

**12.00** **BBC News; Weather.**

**12.15** **Commonwealth Games.** Jason Mohammad and Hazel Irvine introduce live coverage of the mixed team triathlon relay at Strathclyde Country Park, as day three of the Games continues.

**3.00** **Commonwealth Games.** Continued coverage from Glasgow, where the third day of the 20th staging of the Games takes place.

**5.25** **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**

**5.45** **Commonwealth Games.** Further coverage on day three of the Games, which are being staged in Glasgow, with events taking place across the city.

**7.00** **Commonwealth Games.** Hazel Irvine and Gary Lineker introduce live coverage of this evening's swimming finals, which take place at Tollcross International Swimming Centre in Glasgow. The semi-finals in three events - the men's 100m freestyle and 50m backstroke, and women's 50m butterfly - are scheduled in the pool, along with seven finals, as the swimming timetable reaches the halfway point. The men's finals are the Para-Sports 200m freestyle S14, 100m breaststroke and 200m butterfly, with the women's being the 50m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 200m breaststroke and 4x200m freestyle relay. The men's butterfly race should involve Chad Le Clos, who became one of the global stars of the sport with his gold and silver medals at London 2012, and the South African also claimed five medals when the Commonwealth Games were held four years ago in India. There will also be plenty of interest for the home nations in the pool, notably in the women's 50m freestyle, which should feature England's Fran Halsall, who already has seven Commonwealth medals to her name, including a silver in this discipline in 2010. Plus, updates and reports on a variety of sports on day three of the Games, which has seen the start of the rugby sevens tournament and the conclusion of the rhythmic gymnastics and judo.

**10.10** **BBC News; Weather.**

**10.30** **The National Lottery Live.** Kate Garraway reveals the results of the Lotto and Thunderball draws, joined by 2013 The Voice finalist Leah McFall.

**10.40** **Tonight at the Games.** Mark Chapman and Clare Balding present a round-up of the day's action on day three of the Commonwealth Games.

**11.40** **Commonwealth Games Sportsday.** Katherine Downes presents a round-up of the third day's events in Glasgow, focusing on the medal-winners as the 20th staging of the Games continued; **National Lottery Update.**

**11.55** **Weather for the Week Ahead.**

**12.00** **BBC News.**

**BBC2**

**6.00** **FILM: The Saint's Vacation** (1941). Detective adventure, starring Hugh Sinclair.

**7.00** **FILM: The Saint Meets the Tiger** (1943). Detective adventure, starring Hugh Sinclair.

**8.05** **The Living Planet.** How life has adapted to live in fresh water. (R)

**9.00** **Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age.** The development of Britain's railways. (R)

**9.30** **Great British Railway Journeys.** Michael Portillo begins a journey from Buxton to London. (R)

**10.00** **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** James Martin presents highlights of the series, recalling his favourite moments from the past year in the kitchen. Also includes classic archive recipes as prepared by Rick Stein. (R)

**11.30** **Food & Drink.** Dishes that can be quickly prepared, with guest Ken Hom. (R)

**12.00** **Rick Stein's India.** The chef explores the country's cuisine. (R)

**1.00** **Bette Davis: Talking Pictures.** Profiles of stars of the silver screen, beginning with Bette Davis. (R)

**1.45** **FILM: Now, Voyager** (1942). A spinster undergoes a remarkable transformation and embarks on an affair with a married man. Romantic drama, starring Bette Davis and Claude Rains.

**3.40** **Flog It!** The team heads to Blackburn in Lancashire.

**4.40** **Hive Alive.** Part two of two. The team examines the mating ritual of a queen bee. (R)

**5.40** **Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.** Action from the Hungaroring.

**6.55** **Antiques Road Trip.** Antique experts Charlie Ross and Thomas Plant visit Bath, the Cotswolds, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire, visiting auctions in Stroud and Wrexham along the way.

**7.55** **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring and Wilson decide to recruit women into the platoon to take care of the less demanding tasks, but the captain loses his heart to an attractive widow. (R)

**8.25** **Proms Extra.** New series. Katie Derham returns with the weekly magazine show, with highlights of the Proms so far and previews of this week's concerts. Plus, music by pianist Haochen Zhang.

**9.10** **The Men Who Made Us Spend.** Jacques Peretti explores the history of marketing products to children and reveals how the techniques learned from this have been applied to adults. Last in the series.

**10.10** **Commonwealth Games.** Concluding coverage of day three of the Games, which are being staged in Glasgow.

**10.30** **FILM: Up in the Air** (2009). A corporate downsizing expert finds his emotionally detached lifestyle under threat from an executive with revolutionary ideas.

**12.15** **FILM: Klute** (1971). A private detective enlists a prostitute's help to investigate the disappearance of a scientist, only to encounter a conspiracy. Thriller, starring Donald Sutherland and Jane Fonda.

**2.05** **This Is BBC2.**

**ITV**

**6.00** **CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge** 6.25 Dino Dan 6.35 Dino Dan 6.50 Cannimals 7.00 Cannimals 7.05 Sooty 7.20 Digimon Fusion 7.45 Mr Bean: The Animated Series 8.00 Adventure Time

**8.25** **ITV News.**

**8.30** **Weekend.** With guests Katy Brand and Robert Powell.

**9.25** **The Hungry Sailors.** Dick and James Strawbridge visit Padstow in Cornwall, where James meets a chef-turned-grower who now produces specialty salad crops for restaurants and Dick makes pasta. (R)

**10.25** **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica finds herself in court for defamation. (R)

**11.20** **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**

**11.30** **Storage Hoarders.** Aggie MacKenzie helps a lawyer with a serious hoarding problem and a woman who has spent a decade living in Africa and returned to a huge storage bill. (R)

**12.30** **All Star Mr & Mrs.** With Kaye Adams, Sue Holderness and Vincent Simone. (R)

**1.30** **Dinner Date.** Rachel from Derby looks for love. (R)

**2.30** **FILM: The Mirror Crack'd** (1980). Miss Marple investigates a poisoning on a film set involving two feuding female stars. Agatha Christie mystery, with Angela Lansbury, Elizabeth Taylor, Kim Novak and Rock Hudson.

**4.30** **FILM: Twister** (1996). A storm-chaser and her estranged husband reunite as they take on the dangerous task of mapping the path of a massive tornado. Action thriller, starring Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton.

**6.35** **ITV News Central; Weather.**

**6.45** **ITV News and Weather.**

**7.00** **You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents. (R)

**7.30** **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** X Factor winner Sam Bailey, Coronation street star Hayley Tamaddon and gymnast-turned-Strictly winner Louis Smith take turns on the token-pushing machine. Ben Shephard hosts.

**8.30** **FILM: Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones** (2002). The Jedi Knights protect Senator Amidala from an assassin – but their efforts are threatened when civil war breaks out. Sci-fi prequel, with Ewan McGregor and Hayden Christensen.

**11.10** **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**

**11.30** **Goodwood Festival of Speed** 2014. Highlights from Goodwood House in West Sussex, as some of motor-racing's leading names gathered for the world-famous event.

**12.30** **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.

**3.00** **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** (R)

**3.40** **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.

**Channel 4**

**6.10** **The Hoobs.** Tula plays with bricks. (R)

**6.35** **The Hoobs.** A quiz has Iver stumped. (R)

**7.00** **Trans World Sport.** Featuring the Swamp Soccer World Cup in Scotland.

**8.00** **The Morning Line.** A preview of the day's main race meetings.

**9.00** **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra and Ray reminisce. (R)

**9.30** **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra's friend has a breast enlargement. (R)

**9.55** **Frasier.** The shrink is invited to be a guest speaker on a cruise. (R)

**10.25** **Frasier.** A lawyer begins dating Frasier. (R)

**10.50** **The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard's car is stolen. (R)

**11.15** **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon is forced to work with Kripke. (R)

**11.40** **The Big Bang Theory.** Amy suggests moving in with Sheldon. (R)

**12.05** **The Simpsons.** Homer forms a bowling team. (R)

**12.35** **Speed with Guy Martin.** An attempt to break the British record for outright speed on a bicycle. (R)

**1.40** **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Ascot and York.

**4.15** **Come Dine with Me.** Liza Macias hosts the first party in Warwickshire. (R)

**4.45** **Come Dine with Me.** Sailor Steve Aston hosts a nautical-themed evening in Warwickshire. (R)

**5.15** **Come Dine with Me.** Emma Reddin hosts the third dinner party in Warwickshire. (R)

**5.50** **Come Dine with Me.** PA Pinky Sidhu hosts an evening of sophistication in Warwickshire. (R)

**6.20** **Come Dine with Me.** Driving instructor Alison Firth hosts the final dinner party in Warwickshire, and hopes that her 1980s disco-themed night will impress her guests. (R)

**6.50** **Channel 4 News.**

**7.05** **Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year.** George Clarke presides over the 2014 Shed of the Year competition, visiting a range of extraordinary and eccentric builds vying for the title across Britain. (R)

**8.00** **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud follows a couple who discovered that a Suffolk barn they were about to restore is one of the smallest surviving medieval guildhalls in the country. (R)

**9.00** **FILM: Paul** (2011). A captive alien escapes from a secret military base and seeks the help of two English comic-book geeks in getting to his spaceship. Sci-fi comedy, with Simon Pegg and Nick Frost.

**11.05** **Alan Carr: Chatty Man Summer Special.** The comedian is joined by Miranda Hart, Vin Diesel, The Inbetweeners stars and Rizzle Kicks for an evening of summertime fun and chat.

**12.05** **FILM: Dreamgirls** (2006). Musical drama, starring Jamie Foxx and Beyoncé Knowles.

**2.20** **Utopia.** (R)

**3.15** **Holyoaks.** Omnibus edition.

**3.20** **How to Cook Like Heston.** (R)

**3.40** **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.

**Channel 5**

**6.00** **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig 6.05 Roary the Racing Car 6.15 Abby's Flying Fairy School 6.25 Bubble Guppies 6.40 The Mr Men Show 6.50 Chloe's Closet 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas 7.25 Make Way for Noddy 7.35 Milkshake! Monkey 7.40 City of Friends 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures 7.55 Little Princess 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky 8.25 Angelina Ballerina 8.45 Rupert Bear 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 9.15 Jelly Jamm 9.30 LazyTown

**10.00** **Power Rangers Megaforce.** Noah doubts his abilities as a Ranger. (R)

**10.35** **Power Rangers Megaforce.** A teenager claims he is the real Red Ranger. (R)

**11.10** **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.

**11.15** **Big Brother.** Another housemate gets the boot. (R)

**12.45** **NCIS.** Tony's car is blown up. (R)

**1.40** **NCIS.** The agents search for a missing infant. (R)

**2.40** **FILM: Cahill, US Marshal** (1973). Western, starring John Wayne.

**4.50** **FILM: Rio Lobo** (1970). Howard Hawks' Western, with John Wayne and Jorge Rivero.

**7.00** **5 News Weekend.**

**7.05** **World's Craziest Weddings.** Comedian Milo McCabe narrates a selection of incidents and stunts that made people's special days even more memorable, including footage of the world's first zero-gravity wedding. (R)

**8.00** **Baby Face Brides.** Documentary following three brides-to-be who will walk down the aisle as teenagers, including an 18-year-old who was with her boyfriend for just four months before he proposed. (R)

**9.00** **Big Brother.** Catching up with the Big Brother contestants as they react to Friday night's live eviction, revealing how another departure has affected the rest of the house.

**10.00** **Autopsy: The Last Hours of Michael Hutchence.** Richard Shepherd investigates the death of INXS frontman Michael Hutchence, who was found dead with a belt round his neck in his Sydney hotel room in November 1997. (R)

**11.00** **Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** Rylan Clark and Iain Lee present analysis of the housemates' behaviour, with input from psychologists and body-language experts.

**12.00** **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming. **The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies.** An inspector discovers evidence that puppies have been buried alive in a garden. (R)

**4.00** **Great Scientists.** Isaac Newton's revolutionary theories. (R)

**4.25** **Make It Big.** The big day finally arrives. (R)

**4.50** **The Funky Valley Show.** (R)

**5.00** **Angels of Jarm.** (R)

**5.10** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

**5.20** **Angels of Jarm.** (R)

**5.25** **The Funky Valley Show.** (R)

**5.40** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

**5.50** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

## SUNDAY

**Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix Highlights****5.10pm**

Suzi Perry presents action from the 11th round of the season, held at the Hungaroring, near Budapest, where Lewis Hamilton took the chequered flag last year. The Mercedes driver clearly feels at home on this track, as that was his fourth victory here.

**QI XL****10.30pm**

Extended edition. Comedy writer and performer Victoria Wood and Pointless co-host Richard Osman make their debuts on the comedy quiz, joining stand-up Jason Manford and regular panellist Alan Davies. Host Stephen Fry asks a range of questions on the topic of the kitchen sink.

**Catchphrase****7.15pm**

Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking contestants Richie, Rachael and Craig to 'say what they see' as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000.

**Child Genius****9pm**

The 15 remaining gifted youngsters face two gruelling rounds, one involving logic and reasoning and the other concerning memory recall. Eleanor's mother Catherine is concerned about the strain her daughter is under, and siblings Tudor and Hazelle are set a relentless schedule of revision by their parents.

**The Incredible Hulk Woman: Extraordinary People****8pm**

Documentary following West Midlands mother-of-three Helen Stephens as she tries to find a treatment for rare condition stiff-person syndrome, which causes severe muscle spasms in the arms and legs. Advances in medical technology could hold the answers.

**BBC1**

**6.00** Breakfast.  
**8.00** The Andrew Marr Show.  
**8.55** Commonwealth Games. Jonathan Edwards presents live coverage from day four of the Games in Glasgow, featuring the men's and women's marathon races.  
**12.00** Commonwealth Games. Continued coverage from Glasgow, where the fourth day of the 20th staging of the Games takes place.  
**1.00** BBC News; Weather.  
**1.15** Commonwealth Games. Hazel Irvine and Jason Mohammad introduce live coverage of the opening track athletics events at Hampden Park, Glasgow, featuring the heats in the men's and women's 100m. Coverage continues on BBC2.  
**4.50** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.  
**5.10** Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix Highlights. Suzi Perry presents action from the 11th round of the season, held at the Hungaroring, near Budapest, where Lewis Hamilton took the chequered flag last year.  
**6.30** Commonwealth Games. Hazel Irvine presents further coverage of the fourth day of the Games in Glasgow, featuring track cycling at the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome.  
**7.10** Commonwealth Games. Gary Lineker introduces the concluding live coverage on day four of the Games in Glasgow, featuring the latest night in the pool at Tollcross International Swimming Centre. The semi-finals of the men's 50m breaststroke and 100m butterfly, and women's 100m freestyle and 100m breaststroke are on the agenda this evening, along with seven finals, including the men's 50m backstroke, 100m freestyle and 4x200m freestyle relay. The backstroke promises to be fast and furious, featuring as it does a one-length sprint for glory, and England's Liam Tancock won gold four years ago in Delhi in a new Games record, as he did in the 100m, making him one of the stand-out performers in the pool as the England squad finished well behind Australia in the standings. The Australians have since unearthed another star in the shape of James Magnussen, who will expect to be victorious in the freestyle, having won silver at London 2012 to add to his two world championship triumphs. As for the home support, they will be cheering on Scotland in the relay, in which they won silver four years ago – one of only six medals they managed to win in the swimming events. Coverage continues on BBC Two.  
**10.05** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.  
**10.30** Tonight at the Games. Mark Chapman and Clare Balding present a round-up of the fourth day's action at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, featuring athletics and track cycling.  
**11.40** Commonwealth Games Sportsday. Katherine Downes presents a round-up of the fourth day's events in Glasgow. Weather for the Week Ahead.  
**11.55** BBC News.  
**12.00** BBC News.

**BBC2**

**6.15** FILM: The Gay Falcon (1941). Detective thriller, starring George Sanders.  
**7.20** Monty Don's French Gardens. The influence of France's artistic tradition. Last in the series. (R)  
**8.20** Countryfile. John Craven celebrates 25 years on the show. (R)  
**9.05** Gardeners' World. Monty Don has advice on the small jobs still to be done in the garden. (R)  
**9.35** The Beechgrove Garden. Jim McColl offers advice on when potatoes are ready for harvesting.  
**10.05** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. Highlights of the series.  
**11.35** Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. Paul creates a tart made with three types of onion. (R)  
**12.05** Rick Stein's India. The chef learns about the Parsee contribution to Indian cuisine. (R)  
**1.05** FILM: Cimarron (1960). Western, starring Glenn Ford.  
**3.30** Escape to the Country. A couple search for their first home together in Shropshire. (R)  
**4.15** Songs of Praise. David Grant and Connie Fisher visit Scotland.  
**4.50** Commonwealth Games. Featuring the men's 5000m final.  
**6.30** Flog It! Trade Secrets. Paul Martin and the show's experts offer advice on making money from antique domestic tools, including the most expensive ear cleaner that James Lewis has ever encountered.  
**7.00** Antiques Road Trip. Thomas Plant and Charlie Ross visit Church Stretton, Welshpool, Oswestry, Wrexham, Lichfield and Walsall before ending at their final auction showdown in Bedford.  
**8.00** Dragons' Den. Two entrepreneurs try to impress Peter Jones by eating their own brand of dog food, and the Dragons are entertained during a pitch by a colourful Indian dance troupe.  
**9.00** Red Arrows: Inside the Bubble. Documentary offering an insight into the day-to-day work and lives of pilots and ground crew as the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team prepares to celebrate its 50th display season.  
**10.05** Commonwealth Games. The concluding coverage on day four of the Games, which are being staged in Glasgow.  
**10.30** QI XL. Extended edition. Victoria Wood, Richard Osman and Jason Manford join Alan Davies on the comedy quiz, with host Stephen Fry asking questions on the theme of the kitchen sink.  
**11.15** FILM: Casanova (2005). The legendary heartbreaker falls in love with the only woman who seems capable of resisting his charms. Romantic period drama, starring Heath Ledger, Sienna Miller and Jeremy Irons.  
**1.00** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R)  
**1.55** Sign Zone: Hobly City. Elliot prepares to undergo brain surgery. (R)  
**2.55** This Is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes.  
**5.45** Homes Under the Hammer. (R)

**ITV**

**6.00** CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge 6.25 Dino Dan 6.35 Dino Dan 6.50 Cannimals 7.00 Cannimals 7.05 Sooey 7.20 Digimon Fusion 7.45 Mr Bean: The Animated Series 8.00 Bedtime Stories  
**8.25** ITV News.  
**8.30** Weekend. With girl band Neon Jungle.  
**9.25** May the Best House Win. Staffordshire is today's location as contestants including musician Nick Wiley, accountant Justine Jones and sales manager Lindsay Myatt judge each other's homes. (R)  
**10.25** Murder, She Wrote. A theatre producer meets a grisly fate. (R)  
**11.20** ITV News and Weather; Weather.  
**11.35** River Monsters. A freshwater giant said to inhabit Russia's remote Amur River. (R)  
**12.05** Love Your Garden. The team creates a coastal haven in Bideford, Devon. (R)  
**1.05** Long Lost Family. The search for a brother and birth mother. (R)  
**2.05** FILM: Columbo: Lady in Waiting (1971). A woman keen to be rid of her dominant brother kills him and makes it look like an accident, but Columbo is convinced of her guilt. Crime drama, with Peter Falk and Leslie Nielsen.  
**3.50** Midsomer Murders. A schoolteacher keeps waking in the night, believing she has an intruder, but her neighbours are unconvinced – until a local councillor is found dead in her garden. (R)  
**5.50** Tipping Point. Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)  
**6.45** ITV News Central; Weather.  
**7.00** ITV News and Weather.  
**7.15** Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. (R)  
**8.00** Foyle's War. The detective's investigation into the death of a nameless Russian leads to a mysterious military facility run by a respected colonel with an impeccable war record. (R)  
**10.00** ITV News and Weather; Weather.  
**10.15** FILM: Ocean's Twelve (2004). The crooks reunite when an old enemy demands they repay the money they stole from him three years previously. Crime caper sequel, with George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts.  
**12.30** The Store. Home shopping.  
**2.35** Motorsport UK. Richard John Neil and the team are at Croft in North Yorkshire to provide racing from the Renault UK Clio Cup and the Ginetta GT4 Supercup.  
**3.25** British Superbike Championship Highlights. A round up of the latest two-wheel action.  
**4.15** Britain's Best Bakery. Rum babas and fennel and spinach bread are on the menu as three Devon-based bakeries compete for a place in the regional final. (R)  
**5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues. (R)

**Channel 4**

**6.15** The Hoobs. The gang sets up a shop. (R)  
**6.40** The Hoobs. Hubba Hubba goes missing. (R)  
**7.05** VW Racing Cup. Highlights from Spa-Francorchamps.  
**7.35** How I Met Your Mother. Ted believes he has met his perfect woman. (R)  
**8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. Ray and Debra argue about a can opener. (R)  
**8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. Frank shows an interest in Ray's work. (R)  
**9.00** Frasier. Samantha ends her relationship with Frasier. (R)  
**9.30** Sunday Brunch. With Mark Watson, Ben Savage and Tess Daly.  
**12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. A £40,000 campervan project and a home made from mud. (R)  
**1.30** The Big Bang Theory. Leonard and Penny celebrate Valentine's Day. (R)  
**2.00** The Big Bang Theory. Raj is upset when Lucy runs away in the middle of their date. (R)  
**2.25** The Simpsons. George Bush Sr moves in across the street. (R)  
**2.55** The Simpsons. The family visits an exclusive country club. (R)  
**3.30** FILM: Step Up (2006). Romantic dance drama, with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan.  
**5.35** Deal or No Deal. Beat-the-banker game show.  
**6.30** Channel 4 News.  
**7.00** Tom's Fantastic Floating Home. New series. Inventor Tom Lawton transforms a derelict boat into a home filled with practical innovations for everyday life, beginning with the challenges of shelter and security.  
**8.00** The Mill. Esther comes of age and leaves the apprentice house, Susannah struggles to adjust to life away from her friends and Miriam is horrified by rumours circulating about her and Peter.  
**9.00** Child Genius. The 15 remaining gifted youngsters face two more gruelling rounds, one involving logic and reasoning and the other concerning memory recall. Eleanor's mother Catherine is concerned about the strain her daughter is under, and siblings Tudor and Hazelle are set a relentless schedule of revision by their parents.  
**10.00** FILM: The Negotiator (1998). A hostage negotiator accused of murder takes captives and tries to convince a colleague sent to reason with him of his innocence. Thriller, with Samuel L Jackson and Kevin Spacey.  
**12.40** FILM: The Insider (1999). A tobacco company scientist blows the whistle on his employers deliberately making cigarettes more addictive. Michael Mann's fact-based drama, with Al Pacino and Russell Crowe.  
**3.15** The Million Pound Drop. Chatty Man host and comedian Alan Carr teams up with The Radio 1 Breakfast Show's Nick Grimshaw, trying to raise up to £1 million for charity. Davina McCall presents. (R)  
**4.10** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. The property expert heads to Southwick, West Sussex. (R)  
**5.05** Deal or No Deal. Beat-the-banker game show. (R)

**Channel 5**

**6.00** Milkshake! Peppa Pig 6.05 Roary the Racing Car 6.15 Abby's Flying Fairy School 6.25 Bubble Guppies 6.40 The Mr Men Show 6.50 Chloe's Closet 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas 7.25 Make Way for Noddy 7.35 Milkshake! Monkey 7.40 City of Friends 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures 7.55 Little Princess 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky 8.25 Angelina Ballerina 8.35 Mio Mao 8.45 Rupert Bear 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 9.15 Jelly Jamm 9.30 LazyTown  
**10.00** Access. Showbiz news and gossip.  
**10.05** My Child Is a Monkey. The stories of people who adopt monkeys. (R)  
**11.05** Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights. (R)  
**12.05** Police Interceptors. Jon Peacock encounters a half-naked man covered in blood in Lincoln. (R)  
**1.05** FILM: Big Momma's House (2000). Comedy, starring Martin Lawrence.  
**2.55** FILM: The Kid (2000). Disney comedy, starring Bruce Willis.  
**4.55** FILM: Happy Feet (2006). Animated adventure, with the voice of Elijah Wood.  
**5.55** 5 News Weekend.  
**7.00** Cricket on 5. England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the opening day of the Third Test at Ageas Bowl in Southampton, where the five match series continued.  
**8.00** The Incredible Hulk Woman: Extraordinary People. Documentary following a mother-of-three who has rare neurological condition stiff-person syndrome, which causes severe muscle spasms in the arms and legs. (R)  
**9.00** Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chat-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.  
**10.00** FILM: Rambo (2008). The one-man army travels to Burma to rescue a party of missionaries from a sadistic military officer. Action sequel, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. With Julie Benz. Edited to reduce end credits.  
**11.40** FILM: Universal Soldier: The Return (1999). The resurrected warrior battles against a deadly computerised opponent. Action adventure sequel, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and Michael Jai White. Edited to remove content as advised by BBFC.  
**1.15** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming.  
**3.10** Emergency Bikers. A paramedic has to deal with a bulldozer driver who has broken his ankle. (R)  
**4.00** Great Scientists. The life and legacy of Charles Darwin. (R)  
**4.25** Make It Big. The big day arrives. (R)  
**4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R)  
**5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R)  
**5.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R)  
**5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R)  
**5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R)  
**5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)  
**5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

# Deception in the best way

By Graham Breeze

**The new Citroen C4 Picasso is one of the most deceiving cars on the road today.**

Outwardly the Picasso Exclusive+ e-HDi looks a neat and compact model on 17" alloys, but the cleverly designed exterior hides a benchmark-setting interior space and massive boot.

There's no doubt that this Picasso is the latest incarnation of the company's bold tradition of MPVs but by using PSA Peugeot Citroen's EMP2 platform the company has come up with something very different on the inside.

And the innovations doesn't stop with design either because the test model could top 1187mph and race to 62mph in 11.8 seconds yet still record combined fuel figures of 70.6mpg and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of only 105g/km.

## Flexible

That means you may no road tax and can claim a benefit in kind rating of 17 per cent.

The four cylinder, stop/start, 115hp engine delivers impressively flexible performance, so you don't have to work the engine hard to make decent progress.

But the automatic model on test would not have been my personal choice. After a week behind the wheel I was still struggling to come to terms with the gear shift control which sits awkwardly on the dash behind the steering wheel.

The automatic gear change was too

clunky for me, even when using the steering wheel paddles the gear change was too evident.

The steering is light and easy around town providing just enough reassurance at motorway speeds, despite a little bit of rear-end movement in tight bends.

The test car came with cruise control, collision alert, park assist and sensors, reversing camera and a bloody annoying lane-change alert system which I just couldn't fathom how to switch off.

The fascia is made of strong and attractive stuff and Citroen have gone down the road of providing all the driver information on a very neat colour screen, which I found much easier to manipulate than many I have tried recently.

## Stability

Citroen has paid their usual levels of attention to safety and you get stability control and all-round curtain airbags, which has helped the model achieve the maximum five stars in Euro NCAP tests.

Like most rivals, it has an engine immobiliser, deadlocks and locking wheel nuts to help fend off thieves.

The huge boot swallowed two sets of golf clubs and trolleys while the three comfortable rear seats can be folded or moved back and forth to suit just about every need.

The fact that all three of these seats come with Isofix child-seat mountings adds to the practicality, and there's enough head- and legroom for six-footers.

Every C4 Picasso comes with alloy wheels, Bluetooth and a six-speaker stereo with a USB socket.



**'The cleverly designed exterior hides a benchmark interior space.'**

A digital radio is standard from the second trim level upwards, and range-topping models have everything from adaptive cruise control to a front passenger's seat that reclines like an old-school business-class chair.

The leather covered steering wheel adjusts neatly for rake and height and the half

leather seats are an attractive and particularly strong feature of this model.

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# Hit on track and the road

By David Banner

The tradition of exclusive, performance-oriented Renaultsport models continues with the unveiling of a new limited edition Mégane Renaultsport t-275 Trophy.

Following its recent facelift, the top-of-the-range Mégane now benefits from a technical upgrade and a bespoke look.

The new 275 Trophy is the latest in a line of limited edition Mégane Renaultsports, which began with the 265 Trophy in 2011 and continued with the Red Bull Racing R88.

Widely acclaimed both for its on-road performance, as well as its sublime track handling, the Cup chassis with limited slip



differential comes as standard with the Mégane Renaultsport 275 Trophy.

To allow customers to appreciate the car's dynamic qualities even further, Renaultsport's engineers have worked extensively on its powerplant to extract yet more power, leading to an additional 10 horsepower. The two-litre turbocharged petrol engine consequently boasts 275hp, and peak power is reached at 5,500rpm. At the same time, maximum torque (360Nm) is available across a broad rev-band, from 3,000 to 5,000rpm.

Despite this additional power, fuel consumption and emissions have been carefully contained to stand at just 37.7 mpg\* and 174g of CO2/km respectively.

## Benchmark

Renaultsport and Akrapovič, the manufacturer of benchmark exhaust systems for motorcycles and performance cars, have marked their association with the standard fitment of a titanium exhaust system. In addition to benefiting from the lighter weight of titanium, Mégane Renaultsport 275 Trophy also features a specific, more raucous bark that is sure to appeal to those who appreciate sporty engine notes.

Mégane Renaultsport 275 Trophy kicks off a partnership with the world-renowned damper manufacturer, Öhlins. The limited edition car can be specified with optional adjustable Öhlins Road & Track dampers with steel springs. This evolution of technology employed in motorsport and on the Mégane N4 rally car, allows drivers to adjust their damper settings easily and unaided.

Also available as an option for Mégane Renaultsport 275 Trophy for those who



**‘Despite the additional power, fuel consumption and emissions have been carefully contained.’**

enjoy track days are MICHELIN Pilot Sport Cup 2 tyres. This ultra-high performance solution was developed jointly by Michelin and Renaultsport specifically for this new limited edition front-wheel-drive car.

The new livery includes Trophy branding on the silver F1-style silver blade, while the personalised body sides feature Trophy decals. Silver has also been selected for the chequered flag graphic at the bottom of the doors. Numbered door sill guards are further evidence of its exclusivity.

Like the new signature engine note, the carbon exhaust tail pipe, too, is the work of

Akrapovič. Optional 19-inch black Speedline Turini wheels derived from those used by competition versions of Mégane can also be ordered to complete the racy look. Inside, Mégane Renaultsport 275 Trophy comes with leather and Alcantara Recaro bucket seats with red stitching. The same hue of stitching has been carried over to the rear bench seat, while the headrests feature Renaultsport badging. Other interior highlights include visible red stitching for the Alcantara steering wheel trim and handbrake gaiter, as well as an alloy gear lever knob.

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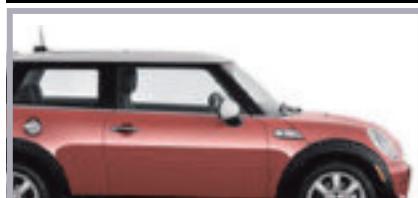
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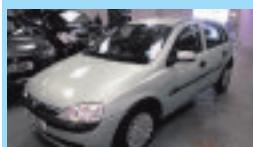
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## PLACINGS

## Birmingham &amp; District Premier Cricket League

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
First Division							
Ombersley	13	7	3	1	0	2	184
Wolverhampton	13	4	2	0	3	176	
Shrewsbury	13	4	3	2	0	4	159
Bromsgrove	13	4	2	3	0	4	145
Old Hill	13	4	2	3	0	4	131
Wellington	13	4	2	3	0	4	123
Barnt Green	13	3	2	4	0	4	119
Moseley	13	3	2	4	0	5	118
Shropshire	13	2	4	3	0	3	111
Wombourne	13	1	2	6	0	4	92

## Second Teams

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Smethwick	13	7	0	2	0	4	171
Mill Hill	13	5	2	4	0	5	167
Penn	13	6	1	2	0	4	161
Brewdon	13	4	2	5	0	5	147
Wombourne	13	2	2	4	0	5	125
Oswestry	13	4	1	5	0	3	124
Wolverhampton	13	3	2	6	0	3	120
Worlestone & R.	13	3	1	6	0	3	111
Fordhouses	13	1	3	4	0	4	105
Newport	13	1	3	4	0	4	91
Quatt	13	1	0	7	0	5	58

Hawkins C&amp;R deducted 3pts

## Shropshire County Cricket League

## Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Worfield	13	10	0	1	2	247
Reman Services	13	8	2	1	225	
Wem	13	7	0	2	219	
Bromere Heath	13	6	0	4	312	
Ludlow & SS	13	5	5	3	4163	
Count	13	3	2	4	3127	
Wroxeter Grove	13	4	3	4	2126	
Frankton	13	1	3	6	2101	
Newtown	13	2	2	6	3	99
Albrighton	13	2	0	7	4	96
Allscott	13	1	0	9	3	72

## Division 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Madeley	13	10	0	1	2	230
Shelton	13	7	0	3	1210	
Broseley	13	7	1	1	4200	
Alberbury	13	6	1	3	3179	
Market Drayton	13	5	5	3	3172	
Lilleshall	13	3	2	5	3128	
Forton	13	3	2	5	3126	
Welsopool	13	3	3	4	2123	
Pontesbury	13	2	2	6	2106	
Knockin & Kin	13	1	2	7	3	99
Montgomery	13	2	0	6	3	93
Much Wenlock	13	1	0	7	5	53

## Division 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Tibberton	13	7	2	1	3	226
Beacon	13	6	2	2	192	
Ellesmere	13	6	2	3	188	
Condover	13	6	2	3	183	
Shrewsbury III.	13	4	0	9	3	88
Shilstone III.	13	1	3	6	3	81

## Division 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Church Stretton	13	6	3	1	2	190
Pree	13	4	4	0	3	85
Gosforth III.	13	5	2	2	3165	
Wheath Aston	13	4	0	9	4	180
Church Aston	13	4	4	0	4	155
Llanidloes	13	3	3	3	4	132
Chelmarsh	13	2	2	4	4	125
Calverhall	13	2	3	3	6	216
SG III.	13	2	3	4	3	117
Wroxeter III.	13	2	2	5	3	105
Acton Reynald	13	0	2	7	5	99
Newport	13	2	2	7	2	97

## Division 4

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Harpers	13	5	1	2	3198	
Overton-on-Dee	13	5	4	1	3189	
Ludlow & SS	13	5	4	2	1757	
Trysull & SS	13	6	0	4	2175	
Hodnet & Peplow	13	5	0	4	3166	
Whittington	13	4	2	3	4155	
Harcourt	13	4	1	4	3136	
Golstone	13	4	0	6	3123	
Bridgnorth III	13	2	4	5	3108	
Quayside	13	2	1	7	3	96
Coton Hall	13	2	1	6	3	81

## Division 4A

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Wellington	13	8	2	2	0	2126
Worlestone & R.	13	8	3	0	2	1933
Whittington	13	6	0	4	3171	
Bromere Heath	13	5	2	3	3154	
Count	13	4	1	5	3154	
Welsopool	13	4	3	3	3142	
Frankton III.	13	3	2	4	3141	
Reman Services III.	13	3	4	3	2135	
Wem	13	2	3	3	2127	
Frankton III.	13	4	1	6	1155	
Madeley	13	3	1	7	1113	

## Division 5

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Worlestone & R.	13	12	0	1	2	177
St Georges IV	13	8	3	0	2	1933
Quatt III.	13	5	1	2	3140	
Wellington	13	5	4	0	3	1344
Beacon III.	13	6	2	4	3178	
Condover III.	13	6	2	3	3154	
Hindley III.	13	4	1	5	3142	
Welsopool	13	4	3	3	3142	
Frankton III.	13	3	2	4	3141	
Reman Services III.	13	3	4	2	3133	
Wem	13	2	3	2	2933	
Frankton III.	13	3	3	7	2108	
Acton Reynald	10	3	5	0	2	75
Lilleshall III.	11	1	5	0	3	71
Shrewsbury III.	12	1	7	2	1	63

## Reserve Division 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Reman Serv. II.	13	9	2	2	2229	
Bromere Heath II.	13	4	1	4	3175	
St Georges II.	13	4	1	1	3171	
Worlestone II.	13	5	0	4	4148	
Condover II.	13	4	1	3	3147	
Hindley II.	13	4	2	3	3145	
Welsopool II.	13	4	2	3	3145	
Frankton II.	13	3	1	4	3145	
Reman Services II.	13	3	1	4	3145	
Wem II.	13	2	3	4	4104	
Frankton II.	13	1	1	6	3165	
Montgomery II.	13	1	1	6	3165	
Knockin & Kin II.	13	3	1	6	3105	
Newtown II.	13	2	1	7	3	97
Market Drayton III.	13	2	1	7	4	95
Cae Glas II.	13	1	0	7	3	91

## Reserve Division 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Bromere Heath II.	13	10	0	1	2	2221
Welsopool II.	13	7	1	2	2215	
Beacon II.	13	6	1	3	1193	
Condover II.	13	6	2	3	3178	
Hindley II.	13	4	1	4	3147	
Welsopool II.	13	4	2	3	3145	
Frankton II.	13	3	1	4	3145	
Reman Services II.	13	3	1	4	3145	
Wem II.	13	2	3	4	3145	
Frankton II.	13	1	1	6	3165	
Montgomery II.	13	1	1	6	3165	
Knockin & Kin II.	13	3	1	6	3105	
Newtown II.	13	2	1	7	3	97
Market Drayton III.	13	2	1	7	4	95
Cae Glas II.	13	1	0	7	3	91

## Reserve Division 3

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## Metcalf makes the difference for Mere

CURTIS METCALFE proved the difference as **ELLESmere A** kept up the title pressure in the Oswestry and District Bowls League Division Three with a 7-3 victory at Ceirig Valley B.

The visitors triumphed by just four shots (143-139), with Metcalfe's 21-5 verdict tipping the balance. The next best was Neil Kershaw who won to 15.

**ELLESmere B** stayed four points clear at the top with a 9-1 home hammering of **WESTON RHYN C** (agg 166-73).

**WHITTINGTON B** stayed in touching distance of the leading duo in third place as they cantered to an emphatic 9-1 (163-120) win at rock bottom **CHURCH C**, who are now 19 points adrift at the foot of the table.

**WHITTINGTON E** also enjoyed a good night as they thrashed Johnstown D 9-1 (158-109), Philip Pierpoint leading the way 21-5 and Dave Jones 21-9.

**FOX LANE** saw their promotion aspirations blunted in Division Four when they crashed to a shock 10-0 (168-75) beating at Llangynog C.

**Llanfyllin A** remain third bottom after their 1-1 reverse at Ruabon B (157-100).

At the foot of the table are **Llanymynech B** despite their 6-4 home win over Llagonnen B in which the sides shared the aggregate with 138 shots apiece.

One place above are **WESTON RHYN B** who went down 6-4 (151-129) at home to **Llanrhedadr C** whose John Davies (21-3) set up the visitors for the spoils on shots.

Peter Plunkett (21-14) was the best for Rhyd, with Brenda Ashbrook winning 21-15.

**CHURCH D**, in fourth, lost ground on the leading pack in Division Five following a 7-3 (142-134) loss at Cynwyd B, Tony Dart keeping them in the hunt with a 21-8 win.

John Barnes (21-10) could not stop **Llanrhedadr B** from suffering a 7-3 (148-110) reverse at home to Johnstown F.

In Division Six, **YE OLDE CROFT B** stayed hard on the promotion trail with a 7-3 (139-117) success at **WESTON RHYN B**, Geoff Thomas and Ted Lewis both winning to eight while Ian Becket (21-8) wa the best for the hosts.

Elsewhere, Patrick Bennett won to six as **CHURCH E** ran out 7-3 (150-134) victors at home to Cynwyd C.

**Llanrhedadr A** hit the high road as they won 7-3 (145-126) at Johnstown C to keep up the promotion pressure in Division Two, with Emry Roberts, Ian Jones and Neil Jones all winning to 12.

The in-form Steve Jones notched his 12th win in 14 outings this season when prevailing to 13.

Results

Division Two: Johnstown C 3 Llanrhedadr A 7 (126-145).

Division Three: Royston A 8 Chirk B 2 (161-119), Cerrig Valley B 3 Ellesmere A 7 (139-143), Whittington E 9 Johnstown D 1 (158-109), Flexys B 5 Plas Kynaston A 5 (131-127), Ellesmere B 9 Weston Rhyd C 1 (166-73), Chirk C 6 (138-120), Llanrhedadr B 9 (120-133).

Division Four: Llanrhedadr C 11 Valley C 3 (158-121), Overton B 7 Conwen B 3 (135-117), Llangynog C 10 Fox Lane 0 (168-75), Ruabon B 9 Llanfyllin A 1 (157-109), Llanymynech B 6 (138-130), Weston Rhyd D 4 (122-151).

Division Five: Llanrhedadr B 3 Johnstown F 7 (110-148), Cynwyd B 7 Church D 3 (142-134), Whittington B 8 Llanrhedadr C 2 (145-133), Royston B 7 Overton C 3 (141-128), Chirk C 8 Whittington E 6 (138-120).

Division Six: Church B 7 Cynwyd C 3 (150-134), Llangynog B 7 Llanrhedadr B 3 (130-120), Ruabon C 0 Weston Rhyd D 1 (153-127), Weston Rhyd E 3 Ye Olde Croft B 7 (117-139).

## Titans swimmers collect medal haul in Corby

**ELLESmere** College Titans swimmers showed their strength in depth by landing another bumper haul of medals in their latest action at Corby.

Leaving their National age group and youth team mates at home training hard in preparation for their forthcoming National Championships, 18 other members travelled to their final level 3 Open Meet of the season hosted by Northampton SC in their modern 50m long course pool in Corby.

With the boys coming away with 21 medals and coming top of the visitors' medal table and the girls winning 15 medals themselves, Titans finished second in the visiting club awards.

This was especially so bearing in mind that some of the Titans' stars were over qualified (too quick) for some of the events, so many therefore had to enter their sec-

ondary strokes or were in a situation of just entering the older age-group.

Their first gold was delivered by 10-year-old Ben Holland, and therefore still too young for the National Age Group Championships, in the 200m back (2:43.33). He went on to win further gold medals in the 100m breaststroke (1:36.12), 400 free (4:55.07), 400m IM (5:45.58), 100m Fly (1:14.93), 200m (2:26.54), 200m IM (2:46.56), 100m free (1:08.44).

Kareem Eldgawy (age 11) took gold in the 400m IM (6:03.06) as too did Elliot Hughes (17) in the 16 and over division in the 100m free (55.97), 100m fly (1:00.42), 200m free (2:00.67) taking silver medals in the 200m back, 50m fly and a bronze in the 100m back. Other medals came the way of Harry Bamforth (14) taking silver in the 400m IM and bronze medals in the 200m

free, 200m fly, 400m free. Alfie Pardoe (17) took silver medals in the 100m breast and 400m free, with bronze medals in the 200m IM.

Rising starlet Eleanor Bainbridge (11), a fresh recruit from City of Coventry SC, was the youngest in her age group but still taking gold medals in her developing strokes in the 100m (1:31.39), 50m breast (41.32), while she recorded impressive silver medals in the 400m free, 200m free, 200m IM, 50m free with a bronze medal in the 50m back.

Other boys winning medals were Josh Davies (11) deservedly taking gold medals in the 100m (1:17.31) and 400m free (5:51.07) with a silver added in the 100m back and only just missing a podium place in the 220m IM, 50m back and 100m breast. Keegan Wilson (11) took bronze in the 50m back.

With personal bests being recorded by the remaining boys Omar Eldgawy (10), Thomas Vernon (12), Ben Holland (12), Ben Northall (12), Tom Holland (16) another great team effort impressed all.

Meanwhile, the girls were not to be outdone with Phoebe Townsend (11) in superb form taking gold medals in the 200m back

Delight as Ifton get their show on the road

PROSPECTS continue to look up for Ifton who eased their basement worries in the Floreat Shropshire Premier Bowls League with a rare away win at Burway.

The St Martins side have often struggled on the road in recent times, but revived their fortunes with a welcome 8-6 success at their south Shropshire hosts, taking the aggregate by just three shots (208-205).

Victory ensured they stay fourth from bottom, with Brian Hayes securing the most valuable player of the night honour for his side with a 21-10 verdict over Roy Crowther.

There were a string of noteworthy performances in a fine team showing by Ifton, with Adam Price and Dave Bond also winning 21-10, and Gerwyn Davies overcame Simon Parsonage 21-13.

Darren Lacey notched a 21-19 success, and Keiron Roberts won to 17, while Kiah Roberts and Jesse James both lost narrowly 21-18.

Ifton will now be looking to build on that victory when they entertain Chester Road this Friday night.



Brian Sinker was almost singing in the rain as he won the Oswestry League's veterans singles crown.

The Whittington bowler came out on top from a field of 21 at Royston on Saturday by beating a homestander in what was a survival of the fittest as the weather worsened.

"They braved atrocious weather conditions to compete for this year's vets singles title," confirmed organiser Trevor Roberts.

Sinker won the final 21-12 against Ken Ellis (Royston) with the losing semi-finalists being Gerry Owen (Overton) and John Barnes (Llanrhedadr).

## Watkins in race for honours

WELSHPOOL rally driver James Watkins maintained his pursuit of the Welsh Junior Championship after he and Caron Tomlinson finished third in class on the Nicky Grist Stages in the forests around Builth Wells.

Based at the Royal Welsh Showground, the event featured eight dusty stages with the second proving particularly troublesome as 16 crews came off worse for wear after striking a concrete bridge which caused them to retire on the spot with damaged cars.

Watkins and Tomlinson, of Betws-y-Coed, both jarred their backs when they struck the compression of the bridge but were fortunate not to damage their Nissan Micra and continued to the finish where they were placed third in class, but second in the BTRDA Rally Championship which is Watkins' main goal for this season.

This result moves Watkins to within one point of leader Rory Jones in the Welsh Junior Championship, and he said: "I've really enjoyed the event. Caron was brilliant on the route notes and the stages were generally nice and smooth."

Watkins' next event will be the Woodpecker Stages, based in Ludlow at the end of August.

## Trophy bid can put Kieran on course for a pro career

**AN Oswestry teenager and prospective golf pro will look to earn his stripes when he takes on some Britain's best golfers in Europe's biggest pro-am.**

BTEC sport student Kieran Davies, 19, has qualified to play alongside his Mile End PGA professional James Davies in the regional final of the Lombard Trophy at Dunham Forest on Friday.

The five handicapper from the border town is keen to learn as much as he can from his long-term mentor as he looks to follow in his footsteps and secure his own career as a PGA professional.

Davies first picked up a set of clubs under the guidance of his golfing father, and has dreamt of turning his hobby into an occupation ever since.

Should the duo win their regional heat, he would relish the opportunity to play in the £43,600 grand final over Gleneagles' King's Course on September 2-3.

"James was my first golf teacher," he explained. "I first worked with him about 10 years ago and I've known him ever since. He's an excellent coach, 10 out of 10."

"I'm really excited to play alongside him in this event – although it will be the first time I've ever played in anything on this scale before."

"I felt I played well in the qualifying round though, and it would be a dream come true to make it through to the final at Gleneagles."

"It's somewhere that I never thought I would get to play so to have that opportunity would be amazing."

Despite being his main sport, golf is not the only activity Davies has a penchant for.

He travels to Canada at least once a year to watch competitive ice hockey and is also rising through the ranks as a talented footballer.



Lombard Trophy practice action at Dunham Forest Golf and Country Golf Club last year. Picture: Paul Thomas

referee for Shropshire's local leagues.

"I've been interested in becoming a referee for as long as I can remember – probably since I was four or five," he recalled.

"I've been doing it for two years and I've really been enjoying it - I've started getting games in the men's leagues now that I've got a bit more experience."

"Ice hockey is another sport that I really enjoy and I also played tennis when I was a little bit younger."

"Golf is the one I spend

most of my time on though, I'm trying to play four or five times a week now and it is definitely the one that I see myself developing a future career in."

Other pairings playing in the Dunham Forest regional final include Kris Andrews and amateur partner Simon Priest (Ashton on Mersey), Guy Wills and Luke Smith (Fulford), Andrew Paisley and Michael Inglis (Hexham), Chris Crowder and Gary Etherson (Lee Park), and Gareth Jones and Simon Hope (Sandiway).

Watkins takes his time to post first win of season

Rees a further nine seconds back.

## New look for Four Crosses



The new Four Crosses home kit sponsored by Kynaston Contract Services (KCS) – (from left) Neil Prescott, Gareth Wilson (players), Steve Beckett (assistant manager) Ian Kynaston (KCS director), Nick Popyk (manager) Nathan Richards, Stewart Johnson (players). Pictures: Josh Pearce



The new Four Crosses away kit sponsored by NIBS – (from left) Olly Edwards, Gareth Wilson (players) Steve Beckett (assistant manager), Chris Gilliard (director NIBS), Nick Popyk (manager), Jordan Gerrard, Chris Johnson (players)

## Campaign logo on kits

FOUR CROSSES have netted sponsorship from local companies for two new kits as they shape up for next season's Spar Mid Wales League Division One campaign.

The home kit is sponsored by Kynaston Contract Services (KCS), while the away kit sponsors are Northern Industrial Battery Services Ltd (NIBS), based at Four Crosses Business Park.

Both of the kits were unveiled at the club's official launch at the Foxen Manor ground. The sponsors have also agreed

for the club to have The Isabelle Lottie foundation logo incorporated on the kits.

Isabelle was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumour called Medulloblastoma last year and the brave toddler had endured five brain operations and doses of Chemotherapy since the diagnosis.

The foundation was set up by Isabelle's family this year including her uncle and Four Crosses right-back Chris Johnson to help raise awareness and give support to children and young adults with brain tumours.

Both of the visitors' medals were won by the same person, 10-year-old Alfie Pardoe, who took silver in the 100m breast and 400m free, with bronze in the 200m IM.

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## Pool lads hope for weather reprieve

AFTER their frustrations with the weather, Welshpool's cricketers will be hope to be home and dry on Saturday when they entertain mid-table rivals Forton in the Shropshire League division one.

Pool, having revived their fortunes in recent games, had high hopes of completing a double when they made the trip to Shrewsbury to take on Shelton last weekend. But amid wet weather, the visitors returned with just three points for their efforts, while their hosts picked up 12.

Originally planned as a 44 overs a side contest, it was reduced to 30 following a further rain delay midway.

Batting first, Shelton posted 148-4 thanks to 81 from Ben Matthews, while Pool had to settle for 90-6 in reply, and just three points, with their main contributions coming from Tom Anderson and Ryan Preston with 27 and 23 respectively before the latter order saw the game out.

Ironically, had the match been abandoned without a ball bowled, the visitors would have collected five points.

"It became a bit of a farce, it's no fun for anyone playing in those conditions," said vice captain Joe Birch.

Second-bottom MONTGOMERY, whose home clash with Broseley was abandoned, visit fourth-placed Alberbury next time out.

## Jayson races to TT spoils

A SUNNY summer evening again brought out a good turnout for round twelve of the Stuart Barkley Cycles Time Trial series, but riders found the strong winds and high heat made it tough going.

Jayson Rees-Hughes of Chester Road Club had to improve by nearly a minute on his previous best to take his second victory of the year, crossing the line in 22min36.

Second place went to David Spencer of Fibrax-Wrexham who was making his course debut, recording 22min53.

Third place and fastest Paragon rider on the night was Andy Howell who finished in 24min10.

Helen Tudor was the only lady to take part, finishing in 27min31.

## England U19 star is unavailable for crunch clash

OSWESTRY will be without wicketkeeper batsman Joe Clarke as they head for Saturday's crunch clash at bottom of the table Wombourne in the Birmingham Cricket League division one.

The in-form Clarke – who this week hit a double century for Worcestershire II – will be on England under-19 duty for the next four weeks (see story below), so batsman Alex Huxley switches behind the stumps, while Scott Hale comes in to the side.

And it's a big game for the visitors who will be chasing a healthy haul of points to stay clear of the relegation zone after last week's

creditable draw with promotion chasing Wolverhampton.

"Like us, Wombourne have only won one game this season, but that was against top of the table Ombersley, so it shows that anyone can beat anybody else in this league," said Oswestry captain Mark Robinson. "But we can go there with confidence, it's generally a good batting track and we have been posting some good scores in the last few weeks."

He added: "We can take more from our performance against Wolverhampton last Saturday than in any other game this season, and it was only one player

(ex Indian Test star Wasim Jaffer with a century) who stopped us getting more from the game. He's the best batsman I've bowled to, and that's the reason why we want to be playing at this level."

In the end, Oswestry had to settle for eight points from their entertaining losing draw with Wolverhampton, on a day when every other game in division one was abandoned without a ball being bowled.

Some solid batting helped Oswestry end on a creditable 203-9 in a match reduced to 45 overs due to the weather. Alex Huxley top scoring with 43 while Alun

Morris – who is unavailable this weekend – also made a useful 22.

Wolverhampton then lost a further 10 overs in reply following more rain, but managed to pass their winning draw target when closing on 182-7, with Indian Test star Jaffer dominating the reply with his fourth century in five outings for the visitors.

Joe Clarke has another chance to impress on the international stage after being picked to play for England under-19s against South Africa next month.

The Oswestry wicketkeeper batsman, who is currently on the books of County Championship

side Worcestershire, has been named in the 14-man squad for the international Test series, which will consist of two four-day matches – the first beginning at Fenner's, Cambridge, on Friday, August 1, and the second will start on Thursday, August 7, at Northampton.

Oswestry batsmen Robbie Clarke and Joe Carrasco both played their part as Shropshire notched a six wicket win over Cornwall in the Unicorns Championship clash at St Austell, Clarke hit 30 in the second innings to guide the county home. Carrasco made 32 in the first innings.

## Timely boost for bowls outfit

LOWLY Llanymynech A gave themselves a timely tonic with a 7-3 (159-135) home win over Johnstown B – only their second win of the season in the Oswestry and District Bowls League division one.

Keith Bacon led the way for the league's basement side by winning 21-9, Paul Smith also running out a 21-12 victor.

There were chances for an even bigger win, but Llanymynech are still 14 points adrift at the foot of the table.

Mike Brunt's 21-6 card helped fourth placed WHITTINGTON A to a narrow 6-4 (151-137) home win against CRIFINTNS A who stayed in touch thanks to Andy Jones and Sandra Barker, who both won to 14.

CHURCH A returned to winning ways with a comfortable 8-2 home success against Flexsys A, taking the aggregate by 34 shots (152-118).

Dave Jones took the copers to five, while Ade Humphreys also weighed in with a 21-8 verdict to give the home side the upper hand.

High-flying Johnstown A suffered a surprise 7-3 (145-142) home loss to Chirk A, but remain seven points clear at the top from second placed Ceiriog Valley A who secured a batting 6-4 home verdict over Ruabon A after the shots had been shared at 149 each.

Corwen A were 7-3 (155-126) winners against visiting Cynwyd A.

In division two, promotion chasing WESTON RHYN A were involved in a 5-5 tie at GEORGE after taking the aggregate by 12 (152-143) to stay in second spot. It was nip and tuck all the way, with Derek Taylor again in good form with a 21-8 victory for Rhyn, Pip Penrose also winning to 11, while Carleton Leonard (21-16) was the best for George.

There was another cracking 5-5 affair as LLANRHAEDR A were held at home by YE OLDE CROFTES A after taking the shots by 15 (140-125). Llangollen A marched on at the top with an 8-2 (159-93) home victory against Llangynog A.

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# LATEST EXIT HURTS THE MOST FOR TNS

THE NEW SAINTS boss Craig Harrison spoke of his Champions League heartbreak after his side were dumped out by SK Slovan Bratislava – and insisted: "We've never been so close".

By Nick Mashiter

Two goals late in the second half from midfielder Marko Milinkovic sentenced the Saints to a 2-0 defeat in the second leg at Rhyl which completed a 3-0 aggregate loss following their one goal reverse away to the Slovakian champions the previous week.

And Harrison believes his team blew a golden chance to progress through the second qualifying round after defeats to Legia Warsaw and Helsingborg in the last two years.

"Everyone is gutted, it's the closest we've been," he said. "Legia were a very good team and the game was over after the first leg with three away goals. Helsingborg was a different story because we did well at home and then we were out of the tie after half an hour in the away leg."

### Scored

"This time, all the way through, until they scored their first goal with 15 minutes left we were right in it."

"We know what we have in the dressing room and that's the disappointing part. This is my third Champions League campaign and this was the biggest disappointment because the players got themselves into such a fantastic position from the first leg. The reason why we came here and people were saying we had a chance to go through was because of the performance in the away leg."

Dangerman Milinkovic scored twice in the final 14 minutes to sink the Welsh

Premier champions and Harrison was left to rue their lack of penetration.

He said: "The players did themselves and the club proud, but we're disappointed we didn't go through as I thought, in the first half, we had momentum."

"You are talking about best club competition in the world and when you are on top you have to score a goal. We had momentum and that was the opportunity to get a goal."

"They are a massive club but, because our performance away from home was that good, we had more expectations."

Bratislava boss Frantisek Straka praised the Saints' spirit but insisted his side deserved the win.

He said: "Our home win was very important and we had to have patience with the situation. TNS were

very tough and it was very close in the second half we dominated."

We played more football and waited for the situations. I knew we would have the chances because TNS would need to open the away leg."

Although Harrison's men enjoyed plenty of first half



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